

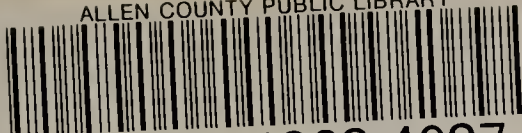
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THE HOUSEMAN FAMILY

OF

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Pa.

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Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

ELEGY IN A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD

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IN the hope that in more mature years they may read and be inspired to emulate the good in the lives of their ancestors, this book is affectionately dedicated to my grandchildren,

ROBERT FRAZIER COE
ELIZABETH HOUSEMAN COE
and ALICE GRISWOLD COE

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Foreword

ANCESTOR hunting has some features akin to big game hunting. Both are apt to become habits which persist through life when once acquired. Then, there is always the possibility of a surprise waiting just around the corner.

I have spent two years in somewhat intensive search, have had the help of several trained genealogists, spent more money than I can ever get back from this book. I might have spent twenty years at it, had I started in time. Why have I done this? For two reasons: I became convinced that the story of the Houseman family was well worth telling in permanent form; and I owe a debt to the family that I can never repay.

If I seem to have devoted too much space to the Christopher Houseman branch of the family it is because more material was available. My boyhood home was on the Johnson Houseman farm from ten to sixteen years of age. He was a father to me and his memory is dear to me.

I have had not the slightest training as a genealogist. To one who has such training I have no doubt this book will seem crude. I have aimed at two things: To make a readable story for those who are descendants; to be accurate in my statements, so far as possible. I anticipate that there will be errors in this book. They are probably unavoidable. I have tried to avoid the injection of personal opinions, but in the few cases where they are introduced they are labelled as such. In every case where sources are available I have made reference to them. I hope that through them this book may be of some value to genealogical societies.

Without the help of many, many of the Houseman descendants scattered over the United States this work would have been impossible. To name all these persons here would be out of place. To select the names of a few who have been especially helpful would be to do others an injustice. I have, however, named most of them in the numbered references. I thank them all most sincerely. There is not a single one

to whom I have written who did not give me at least the courtesy of a reply, if the letter reached him or her.

Personal incidents in the lives of those gone on before give life to a narrative like this. I have used all such material I could find and wish I might have had much more. The fact is, our forefathers were nationally minded. They had their personal struggles and disappointments and triumphs. But these to them were passing incidents and of little consequence when set over against the larger interests of the nation they were helping to build. They were too busy clearing land, building roads, schools, churches, homes, and raising large families to keep diaries or write many letters. Neither did they have much time, even had their children been willing to listen to them, to recite the deeds and adventures of their own immediate ancestors. We are therefore left to piece together a story out of such public records as they made of land transfers and wills and settlement of estates. Births, deaths, marriages and other vital statistics were seldom publicly kept and family Bibles not generally preserved. The story is thus necessarily full of gaps that we would give much to be able to fill.

An attempt to do this has caused me to record here traditions that may sometimes be no more than legends. They are set down for what they are worth.

If this work meets the approval of only a few who appreciate the difficulties and the spirit in which it is written, I shall be well repaid for my expenditure of time and means.

Sincerely,

HARRY HOUSEMAN FRAZIER

CHAPTER I

THE NAME AND ORIGIN

IT is entertaining, if not amusing, to read the comments of contributing Houseman descendents that have come to the author in a far reaching correspondence, regarding the origin of the Houseman family. The opinions have doubtless all been handed down by some ancestor whom the writer remembers. As no two of them agree they cannot all be correct. It is the purpose of this chapter to examine such evidence as is available, draw a conclusion from it, and let others judge its correctness.

One descendant says she had heard her grandfather say the family is of French origin. Another says it descended from German nobility. Another says it came from Holland. And still another says the first member of the family came to America in 1732 on a ship which cleared from Liverpool, England. And finally, one says he came with Penn in 1708.

The first of the above traditions may be dismissed when we remember that no such name as Houseman or Haüsman can be found in France or the French language. The name is German and there are Hausmans or Hausmanns living today in Germany and Switzerland.

The second tradition, of German nobility, is probably not susceptible either of proof or refutation. But the presumption is against it. The name means "a house man," just as Feldman means "a field man," Fleischman "a meat man." Such names grew into use in Germany in Feudal times and were applied to the various serving men on the Feudal estate to denote their functions. A "houseman" would be a retainer in the old Feudal estate whose services were performed, not in the fields, among the herds, as a carpenter, a blacksmith, a weaver, or any other specialized occupation, but in the house or castle. He would be close to the person of his lord and might have been a valet, a secretary, a steward, a purser, or any one of a score of other servitors. As such he was a highly trusted man and usually ranked higher than any of the other servitors.

The third tradition, that of Holland origin, may easily be explained when we know that the main outlet for German emigrants in

the 1700's, who came from the Palatinate, was down the Rhine to Rotterdam, Holland, thence by Dutch vessel to America. Many Hausmans came to Philadelphia in this period by Dutch vessels clearing from Rotterdam. (See Ship List in Addenda.) But this does not prove that our branch of the family came that way. We shall discuss that later. It is enough to remind ourselves at this point that Hausman is not a Dutch name.

The fourth tradition, which is held today by the Houseman descendants in Pennsylvania, that the first of our family in America came by ship from Liverpool and spelled the name "Houseman," is worthy of more careful study.

There is no doubt in our mind that the Hausmans and the Housemans had a common origin in Germany. But we also believe they have had no connection in this country. Something happened between the Feudal times and the migrations of the eighteenth century to change the name. What it was can only be conjectured by the author. But the conjecture has some facts to support it.

There are Housmans living today in England. A. E. Housman, a don at Oxford and a poet of recognized ability, died in May, 1936. He left no issue, as he was a bachelor. His best known volume is "A Shropshire Lad." Then there is Lawrence Housman whose play "Victoria Regina" was one of the outstanding successes in the season of 1936 in a Broadway, N. Y. theater.

We have made some search in the records of Lehigh and Northampton counties' records to see whether there is any connection between the Hausmans there and our own branch of Housemans.

"The Hausman family was among the early settlers of Heidelberg Township. The Tax Lists of 1762 of that district record Jacob and Christian Hausman as paying nine and four pounds, respectively. Christian, Frederick and Johannes Hausman, whose history follows, were brothers and probably sons of Christian named above. Christian Hausman was born August 14, 1776, and lived in North Whitehall Township, this country, where he was a farmer. He was married to Magdalena Peter and died March 16, 1833. They had ten children: John, Daniel, Christian, George, Johan Michael, Maricha Xander, Salome Beck, Sallie Klotz, Maria Shirey and Esther Woodring. Frederick Hausman, a brother of the above named Christian, lived near Unionville, in North Whitehall Township, and had upwards of 300 acres of land. * * * He and his wife, Magdalena Roth, were members of the

Lutheran Congregation of the Unionville Church. Johannes Hausman, brother of Christian and Frederick, was a farmer in Lowhill Township. He was the father of these children: Solomon, a weaver at Quxlertown, Jacob who had a son Nathan (1815-1838) and Maria, who married Jacob Gackenbach and lived to the age of 97. John Michaels Hausman, son of Christian and Magdalena (Peters) Hausman, born January 5, 1803. He owned and lived on a large farm in Lynn Township, now owned by Levi Snyder. He died July 17, 1855. He was a member of the Lutheran Congregation at New Tripoli, where he is buried."¹

The above source lists many others of the Hausman family, among which the following names occur: Joseph H. Hausman (July 23, 1809-November 2, 1899); Lewis M. Hausman (November 15, 1869); John Hausman, (October 5, 1785-May 19, 1847) called "Gentleman John"; Jacob Hausman (September 19, 1789-April 27, 1869); Andrew Hausman (March 22, 1791-August 5, 1848); Andrew Hausman (September 24, 1815-March 24, 1890) a deacon in Unionville Lutheran Church; David Hausman, stone mason, (May 28, 1821-April, 1904); Nathan Hausman (1821-1896), farmer and distiller, of Lowhill Township; Harvey M. Hausman, farmer, (1880 —); Solomon Daniel Hausman (1864 —), a large fur dealer.

Letters of Adm. in Estate of Andrew Hausman, Aug. 14, 1847.²

Letters of Adm. in Estate of Andrew Hausman, Nov. 30, 1864.³

Letters of Adm. in Estate of Alice Hausman, Dec. 19, 1921.⁴

Letters of Adm. in Estate of Boas Hausman, June 28, 1873.⁵

"Henry H. Hausman, of South Bethlehem, married Miss Mary E. Groman, of Bethlehem, February 21, 1874; Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Lutheran minister. Mr. Snyder, a lawyer, married Miss Louisa Hausman, daughter of Hon. Boas Hausman, January 2, 1876, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown."⁶

Deed records of Northampton County at Bethlehem, Pa.: From Jacob Hausman, Heidelberg Township, yeoman, and Christina, his wife, to Christian Hausman for tract in Whitehall Township, 119 A., 34 perches, consideration 120 pounds; dated December 12, 1792.⁷

Deed dated April 30, 1788, from Dr. A. A. Seem and wife, Susan C., to C. W. Hausman for three building lots.⁸

Wills of Northampton County show: Henry H. Hausman, d. No-

vember 29, 1906, will dated July 26, 1890; probated December 13, 1906.⁹

The above are only a few of the records in our hands regarding the Hausman family of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pa. They are quoted to call attention to (1) These Hausmans carried the name spelling from the earliest times down to the present; and (2) they were, all whose church affiliations are given, members of the Lutheran Church.

Now let us leave the Hausmans and turn to the Housemans. In William and Mary College Quarterly, 2nd series, Vol. 12, 1932, "Notes and Queries," the following: "Mrs. Mary Hart Smith, 637 East D Street, Ontario, Cal., asks for information regarding parentage of John Moore Houseman. Answer: "As this family came to Kentucky in 1816 it is reasonable to suppose that they emigrated from Virginia. John Houseman made his will in Brunswick County, Va., 1768. Another John was Elder, Peaked Mt. Church, 1769, Rockingham County, Va., and the 1790 census gives a John Houseman living in Frederick County, Va."¹⁰

"The Houseman family are of German origin. Wm. Houseman (sketch given) states that his great-grandfather William and his brother were killed at the Battle of Quebec under General Wolfe."¹¹

Sketch of B. F. Houseman of Albany, Ind., born in Seneca County, Ohio, June 4, 1861, a son of D. M. and Elizabeth Powell Houseman, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia.¹²

"The family of Houseman has been represented at Staten Island for many generations."¹³

"George Houseman, first permanent settler of Yates, was of German descent, located in 1809. His wife was Marilla Castle, who died December, 1813, aged 106 years."¹⁴

"Among the early settlers of Rostraver Township were the Housemans and Sheplers and * * *. Before the Revolution the Housemans and Sheplers came from near Winchester, Md. Of the latter there were three brothers, Peter, Mathias and Caleb Shepler, who located on the Monongehela River. Isaac married Mary Houseman and was the father of the venerable Jos. Shepler * * * Capt. Jos. Shepler, d. Rostraver Township March 6, 1867, oldest of seven children * * *. His ancestors on both sides emigrated from Virginia, settled near Winchester, Va."¹⁵

We are now ready to draw some conclusions from the previous

references. So far as they are supported by references they may be accepted by the readers as facts. Otherwise, they are merely the opinions of the author. This distinction should be carefully borne in mind.

There seems to be no connection between the Houseman and the Hausman families of Pennsylvania, and probably none in America. We base this opinion upon the following facts: (1) The Housemans, from the earliest records we have, always spelled the name as it is now. (2) The Christian names, except for two or three commonly used in many early American families, such as John, Jacob and William, are not common to both families. (3) We find the Hausmans only in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pa., while the Housemans are found in New York, Westmoreland County, Pa., and near Winchester, Va., and a little later in Kentucky. The Hausmans seemed to have "settled" and stayed settled. The Housemans were pioneers,—they were in every generation hunting virgin territory. Perusal of the succeeding chapters of this book will abundantly prove this point. We find them as pioneers in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, California. They were on the move, constantly seeking to better themselves. This, by contrast, seems an important point. And (4) the Hausmans seem always to have been Lutherans, while, as later chapters will show, the Westmoreland County, Pa., Housemans were staunch Presbyterians. This latter point seems to us very important, for there was a vast difference between the two communions in the 1700's, in fact there was, in some sections, positive hostility.

In the light of the above facts, the author has a theory to propound, which, perhaps, has no place in a genealogical record. It may not even belong in a history of the Housemans in America, confining itself wholly to one branch, the Westmoreland County, Pa., family. But it is too great a temptation to see it in print, to omit it.

We believe the original family were Hausmans, probably back to the times of Huss in Bohemia. That, because of religious persecutions from time to time through the centuries, they successively migrated to German provinces where, for the time being, the rulers were kindest. Saxony may well have sheltered them for a time. That some of them went to England much in advance of the Hausman migrations to Lehigh and Northampton Counties in the 1700's. The English immigrants were there long enough to change the spelling of the name to its present form before they came to America. It was probably spelled in England without an "e," as witness the modern A. E. Housman and

Lawrence Housman. But the English pronunciation, given by men who were more or less illiterate, to ship masters, magistrates, land offices, etc., would readily lend itself to the present spelling and be adopted, perforce, as a legal spelling.

The foregoing theory is at variance with all but one of the above mentioned traditions given by Houseman descendants and may not be an entirely welcome one to those who wish it to be different. We can only ask such persons to examine all the facts and form their own conclusions.

CHAPTER II

THE EARLY HOUSEMANS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA.

IT was a bright, hot day the last week in June, 1936, when we crossed the Monongehela River at Charleroi, Pa., and drove down the east bank of the river to the little town of Belle Vernon. Inquiring at the post office if there were any Housemans who lived on a rural route out of the village, we were told that a family of that name lived about two miles east "out near Rehoboth Church." We knew we were on the right trail for the name "Rehoboth" was already associated in our minds with the Housemans. In a few minutes we came in sight of a charming little brick church, standing in a small grove of locust and maple trees. To the south and east of it, stretching nearly to the top of a high hill, lay a graveyard, whose numerous gravestones indicated that many generations had found a resting place there. A young man was guiding a gas driven lawn mower across the close cropped lawn among the graves, giving us assurance that the cemetery was either well endowed, or the congregation was a prosperous one.

About twenty rods north of the church, nestling on the west slope of the hill, was a fine looking old farm house. We drove into the yard, and were met by the family of **Homer Houseman**,* the oldest survivor of the family now living who bears the family name. He was eighty-seven years of age, remarkably well preserved, and too tall to match any Housemans we had previously known, being fully six feet tall and straight as an arrow. We were welcomed as "cousins," heretofore unknown, shown the family Bible, and conducted to a table for lunch—dinner—such hospitality as the Housemans for generations have known how to dispense. Mary Houseman, the youngest of the family, took us, before dinner, to the church and graveyard, sat at the organ which she plays regularly, played and sang for us. She asked if we sang and when we admitted we sometimes tried, she smiled and said, "The

*Names of Houseman descendants in this book are printed in bold type.

Housemans have always been fond of music and many of them were singers."

After lunch Margaret E. Houseman acted as our guide, by one way country roads, to the "old stone house," to another cemetery, to a farm of a relative, and to another on which the first Housemans lived. It was on the second ridge to the east from her home that she pointed out on the eastern horizon the hazy outlines of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We went to a farm on which the first Housemans were said to have had a private family "burying ground," before the church cemetery was laid out. In a field in the "bottom" below the road two men were cultivating corn. They said there had once been some grave-stones in that field, and that they had gathered two of the larger pieces and laid them at the roots of a tree, where the plow would not disturb them. We found them there, broken slabs of sandstone, each about ten by twelve inches and two inches thick. One of them had the letters "J. H.", the other the letter "S" alone. All other marks had been eroded. No one could give us any information, but we guessed that the letters stood for "Jacob Houseman" and "Sarah —."

We found no one in the community able to give us any positive information about the first Housemans. But we did find a tradition, still repeated, that the first Housemans never would charge any interest on loans they made to accomodate their neighbors, as they considered it "usury" and contrary to the Scriptures. We could not help thinking they would hardly have approved the vocation of several of their grandchildren who, in succeeding generations, have been bankers.

The story of the early Housemans is inseparable from the history of Rehoboth Presbyterian Church. Founded by Rev. Jas. Finley in 1778, Housemans have been communicants of the church almost from its beginning. It is one of the two oldest Presbyterian congregations having a continuous existence in the United States. Four edifices have occupied the site, the present one having been built in 1900. In 1928 the congregation celebrated its 150th anniversary. Its beautiful cemetery contains markers for soldiers of every war in which our country has engaged. The original elders of this old church were Col. Edward Cook, Michael Finley, John Wright and Col. John Powers.²³ (See pictures in the Picture Section.)

We are naturally curious to know how the Housemans came to select this particular part of the Monongehela Valley. There is no evidence on the question. We can only conjecture. Did John House-

man, who owned the first land in the name in Rostraver Township,¹⁶ come down this valley with Braddock in the French and Indian War? We can find no records to substantiate the conjecture. Did Jacob Houseman, whose Revolutionary record says he was, in the latter part of the war, a "Western Pennsylvania Ranger," first see this valley and recommend it to his folks back home near Winchester, Va.? We do not know.

While Christopher Houseman's Patent for his land in Rostraver Township, describing it by "metes and bounds," mentions "John Houseman land" adjoining it, there is no patent or deed on record in Greensburg, the county seat, of any land owned by John Houseman. The Director of the Land Office Bureau of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg says they "have gone over the warrant register of Westmoreland and Bedford Counties and do not find his name appearing as receiving a warrant for lands in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County." Yet John Houseman must have owned the land described in Christopher's Patent. We have searched every record available to find John Houseman of this period, to no avail. Ship lists of the principal east coast ports, land warrants and deeds, wills, guardianships, military rolls, everything that might yield a clew. There are John Housemans in some of the records, and one of them may well be ours, but it seems impossible to prove the connection with the Westmoreland County branch. Yet the Westmoreland County Housemans today maintain that "John Houseman, founder of the family in America, came from Liverpool to New York in 1732." If that is true, it would be the same year his son Christopher was born. Here is Christopher Houseman's record in the Revolutionary War, accepted by historical and genealogical societies:

"Christopher Houseman, Private, Capt. John Van Meter's Co. Pennsylvania Militia, 1778-1783. He was born 1732, died 1809, married Sarah —." ¹⁷

We turn now to the land records and find a Patent¹⁸ granted to Christopher Houseman on file at Greensburg, Pa. It recites that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Patent to him dated November 23, 1787, and that he had received a warrant authorizing him to have it surveyed on December 17, 1784. The Patent calls for 140 acres of land called St. Kitts in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., and acknowledges receipt of ten pounds and nine pence "in lawful money" in payment therefor. The tract is described by

metes and bounds, corners marked by forest trees (which were doubtless blazed) and having ten sides. As no two sides are of equal length it must have been a very irregular tract, probably selected by the entrant because of topography that exactly suited him. On three of the ten sides land is mentioned belonging to John Houseman, John Ryan and William Morgan. Evidently the other seven sides touched lands not yet entered by patents. A careful study of this old Patent will repay the reader.

We know very little about this Christopher save what we get and can infer from his will¹⁰ and from this land Patent. He names but one child, Jacob Houseman, in this will, and as he makes him successor to his "landed estate," no doubt he was the only son. But he names a granddaughter, Sarah White, to whom he gives the use of half his dwelling house and garden while she remains unmarried. He also bequeaths to each of his daughters the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid to them by his son, Jacob, within five years from his death. It is evident from the will that his wife had died before the will was made. We know from the History of Westmoreland County¹⁹ that one of these daughters was named Mary and married Isaac Shepler and that they were the parents of "the venerable Captain Joseph Shepler." It is generally accepted by the Pennsylvania Housemans that the other daughter was named Sarah and that she married — White. As this will was made in 1809 and not probated until 1814, only a few days before his son Jacob's will, it is clear that Jacob's executors must have presented it to the Probate Court in order to give full effect to Jacob's will. There is not a tradition that has been handed down giving any incident in the life of this first Christopher or any clue of his stature, personal appearance or characteristics. He is, however, known to have been one of the earliest members of record in the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church.

Christopher Houseman did not build the old stone house shown in the Picture Section of this book. It was built in 1797 or 1798 by one John Patterson, who placed his initials "J. P." on the stone lintel of the front door where it may be seen today. It is believed his first house was like most others of the time, a log cabin. The stone house was one of the finest in the township, its massive walls nearly three feet thick, two stories high with a large attic and a good sized wing also built of stone. It is probable that either Christopher or Jacob added this wing, as there are certain marks even now, that indicate

a different artisan. It was in this great stone house that both Christopher and Jacob died. It is doubtful if any Houseman descendant has ever built a more substantial and pretentious house for himself, when we judge each in the era in which it was built.

When we come to Jacob Houseman, Christopher's only son, the records begin to be more complete. He, with his father, served in the Revolutionary War. This is the record:

"Jacob Houseman, Private, Capt. John Van Meter's Co., Westmoreland Co. Militia, born 1775, died May 10, 1814. Received tract of land for services. Also was in Frontier Rangers of Westmoreland Co., Pa."²⁰

His Patent for land received for this service is in the Addenda.

This Jacob Houseman was married twice, first to Sarah Johnson, and the second time to Elizabeth Hill. The latter survived him and is named in his will (q. v. Addenda). As the Patent for land granted to Jacob Houseman was not dated until April 1, 1805,²¹ eighteen years after his father's, and as the Census of 1790 lists Jacob Houseman of Frederick County, Md., there is some ground for the belief that Jacob did not come to Westmoreland County at the same time as his father. Contra, since his land was granted for services in the Revolutionary War and the State of Pennsylvania did not make these grants immediately after the war closed, it is possible our first assumption is not valid.

We do not know the cause of Jacob Houseman's death, but we feel sure that it was unexpected. It was a nuncupative will,²² spoken on his death bed, later reduced to writing and witnessed and probated. He was at that time only 59 years of age, the father of seven children, three of whom were very young, Catherine, the youngest, being only three and a half years old. The eldest, Christopher, was 26 years old and had one child of his own. Joseph, Mary, Jacob and Catherine were children by Jacob's second wife, Elizabeth Hill, who survived him, and later married a man named Stevens, by whom she had one son.

The children of this Jacob Houseman were as follows:

- 1 Christopher Houseman
- 2 John Johnson Houseman
- 3 Sallie (Sarah) Houseman
- 4 Joseph Houseman
- 5 Mary Houseman
- 6 Jacob Houseman
- 7 Catherine Houseman

As the succeeding chapters of this book attempt to give the full genealogies of the families these heirs of Jacob Houseman founded, we shall not give further data here.

No tombstones have endured to mark the graves of these two soldiers of the Revolution. No photographs have been handed down. They lived even before the days of the daguerrotype, and we assume that they had no money to employ a Stuart to paint their likenesses, had they so desired. They were sturdy men of the soil. They loved the land and handed down to their descendants, many of whom never even knew of their existence, not only a love for the land, but sturdy characters that loved their country even as they loved it, and were willing to risk their lives for it. They venerated their God and instilled the same veneration into their children, so that there is not a descendant of whom we have record who was not a churchman, and usually a devout one.

They believed the citizens of a republic should support and defend it, not that it should support them. And so there is no record of a Houseman descendant ever accepting public charity.

So completely have the Revolutionary records of these two men been forgotten that we found but a single descendant, Mrs. Anna Baker Goff, of Washington, D. C., who knew her eligibility to the Society of the Daughters of American Revolution through their service. This record will be news to several score of women now living.

On the hot June afternoon previously referred to, we clambered down a rocky hillside dense with second growth young trees and came suddenly at its foot into the back yard of a cheap frame house of flimsy construction. We could see the stately walls of the "old stone house" of the Housemans thirty rods to the south in an open field. A man whose language we could not understand came to his back door. His mongrel dogs understood him and we soon understood that he was urging them to attack us. We felt that the soil that had been made sacred to us by the sweat of our ancestors had been profaned by this foreigner. And then we breathed a prayer that even as we, the descendants of the Housemans, have caught something of their spirit as Americans, so may the children of this alien be assimilated and come to love their country. For unless it is so, the America they helped found will soon be no more.

CHAPTER III

CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN AND SARAH MYERS

CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN, eldest child of Jacob Houseman and Sarah Johnson, was born April 5, 1788, d. December 21, 1821.²⁴ The place of his birth is uncertain, being four years after his grandfather, Christopher's, Patent and seventeen years before his father's Patent. It is possible he may have been born near Winchester, Va., before his father came to Westmoreland County, Pa. If his birth occurred in Pennsylvania, it was in a log cabin nine or ten years before the old stone house was built. He was married to Sarah Myers in Westmoreland County, Pa., about 1812. She was born July 24, 1791, d. August 6, 1849.²⁵ She is said not to have been of German descent, but her name does not indicate it.

For what we know of Christopher and Sarah his wife we must depend upon the recollections of the author as related to him by Johnson Houseman, their eldest son, some fifty years ago. Johnson, who was only eight years old when his father died, depended upon his own memory of facts related to him by his mother, Sarah, nearly forty years before. We admit that the evidence may be drawn out a little thin by such re-telling. But we give it as the best and only available.

Christopher and Sarah Houseman moved across the line into Washington County at the time of their marriage and rented a small farm for about four years. Meanwhile Christopher's father, Jacob, died in 1814, and while he made his two eldest sons, Christopher and John, his executors, he left his second son, John Johnson Houseman, in full charge of his farm, which now, added to the land of Christopher the first, was nearly 200 acres of land. So, in the spring of 1816, when Johnson was three years old and Jacob a babe in arms, Christopher and Sarah decided to seek land west of the Ohio River. Johnson's recollection of his mother's account of the moving was quite vivid. They traveled by horseback, the mother having her three-year-old son behind her and the baby in front. Christopher, the husband and father, drove a wagon in which was all of their household goods and a few farming implements. To the wagon was tethered a cow or

two and a few sheep. A small pen, or crate, was tied on the back of the load, containing the nucleus of the flock of chickens that was to be. The journey was, starting from Washington, Pa., through Wheeling, thence following the only trail then fit for wheels, westward, on what later became the National Turnpike and is now U. S. Route No. 20.

And so the pioneer family came to Westland Township, Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1816. Why they selected the particular spot in which they settled, we do not know. But Christopher "entered" a quarter section of government land in Westland Township, Guernsey County, built a log cabin and proceeded to clear away the forest, for there was not an acre of it ready for the plow. Johnson Houseman said his father was a very industrious man, and we can well believe it. For according to his account he had cleared ten acres for cultivation beside raising enough corn the first summer to keep his stock over the first winter.

An incident Johnson said he well remembered was a trip to a point on the Muskingum River above Marietta, O., with his father, when he was six or seven years old. The family had brought from Pennsylvania only a few wooden dishes for the table. So Christopher and the boy, Johnson, each astride a horse, rode down the river to a pottery and brought home, packed in sacks, an assortment of plates and dishes made of the material commonly used in making crocks and jugs. Johnson said they all felt very "stylish" when they began to use this heavy, glazed ware on the table. The farm to which these were brought has been in later years known as the George Watson farm, and is known by old people in Westland Township as such today.

The woods in that time were filled with many kinds of nut bearing trees, chestnut, hickory, walnut, beech predominating. Hogs were allowed to run at large through the woods and in the autumn, fattened on this "mast" as the pioneers called it, quite as well as corn fed hogs do today. They bedded in the gullies in great piles of leaves that had drifted there, and were never brought home until butchering time. About the middle of December, 1821, Christopher called in a neighbor or two, went into the woods and rounded up his hogs to butcher them for the winter's meat. The day proved to be a cold, raw one, with rain turning to sleet and snow before the butchering was finished. But pioneers thought little about weather when work was to be done. The next day Christopher developed a heavy cold, "lung fever" (pneumonia) followed, and on the 21st day of December Sarah Myers Houseman was left a widow on a 160-acre farm with 120 acres

still in woods, and five children of ages from eight years to eight months.

It is small wonder that she married again after a struggle of nearly five years, this time to Joseph Kelly, or Kelley, as they spelled it then. By this marriage she had three children, Luke Ellis, February 15, 1827; John, June 14, 1828, and Hannah, October 20, 1830.²⁶ Johnson Houseman's recollections of his stepfather were not pleasant, charging him with almost brutal treatment and injustice. He said in his old age that his stepfather had influenced his mother so that her first children never got their rightful share of their father's estate. Be that as it may, Johnson forgave Joseph Kelley in his old age, visited him when he was ill and feeble, and said he tried to forget the treatment he had received when a boy.

JOHNSON HOUSEMAN'S FAMILY²⁷

i. Johnson Houseman (August 27, 1813-January 22, 1889) eldest child of Christopher Houseman and Sarah Myers, married Nancy Gregory (November 1, 1816-January, 1901) on February 14, 1838. They celebrated their golden wedding the year before he died. Nancy Gregory was the daughter of Noble Gregory and Sarah Spencer, early settlers of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. Johnson was born in Washington County, Pa., and, as has been said, was brought to Guernsey County, O., before he was three years old. His stepfather, Joseph Kelly, took charge of the Westland Township farm upon his marriage, and the boy Johnson worked very hard on the farm until he was eighteen years old, when he was sent out to learn a trade. Johnson always claimed that his growth was stunted by hard work and scant food during his boyhood. However that may be, he was a slight man, five feet, six inches tall, and never weighed more than 140 pounds. But what he lacked in stature and avoirdupois he made up in energy. He was always in a hurry and did not fail to impress the constant need for haste upon all around him.

When he was eighteen years old his mother, who was his legal guardian,²⁸ apprenticed him to a wagon maker named Dolman, at Cumberland, O., a village about six miles south of their farm. He lived in Dolman's family until he was twenty-one, when, according to the terms of the indenture, he received a horse, saddle and bridle and one hundred dollars. He always said his step-father got the money, but that he got a good young horse and a very fine saddle and bridle.

Johnson never worked at his trade much, as he did not like it and did like the soil. However, to the end of his life, he kept a workshop well stocked with tools and made household furniture and almost every kind of implement needed on the farm.

Four years after the end of his apprenticeship he was married; and his parents moving to a near by farm owned by Joseph Kelly, he and Nancy took the home place and attempted to pay off the other heirs. He had succeeded in this when he was lured by the rich government land offered in the Territory of Iowa, to move there in 1842. He sold the farm to George Watson and with his brother Jacob and brothers-in-law John Fordyce, Jr., and John Gregory, went to Iowa. They traveled by wagons and passed through the village of Chicago. It was then a swampy place on the lake shore, but John Fordyce, with the shrewdness which characterized him and later made him moderately wealthy, said that village looked like a good place to him. However, he went on to Iowa, to return to Chicago a few years later, as we shall see.

Johnson's dealing in Iowa land was quite extensive, as old deeds in our possession prove. All his land was in Henry County, Iowa, near Mt. Pleasant, in which town he also owned some lots at one time. When he returned to Ohio in 1854 he still kept 240 acres of Iowa land and gave each of his three daughters eighty acres as a wedding dowry. He regretted to the end of his life that he could not stay in Iowa, but explained his return by the fact that his health was poor all the time he was there due to constant malaria ("Ague," he called it). When Johnson returned to Ohio in 1854, he bought a farm in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, from James Wilson, on which he lived and died. He found a log house and a log barn, replacing the house in 1861 and the barn in 1876 with good, modern structures.²⁹

Johnson Houseman was a life-long Methodist Episcopal, an official in the church for many years, and an agent for the Church publications. His commissions from the sale of books and periodicals he punctiliously turned back to the church for use in its missions. He and his wife, Nancy, were ardent "tetotalers" and introduced the idea of paying a little above the prevailing wage for farm hands, it being stipulated there would be no whiskey served. Nancy, however, did her share to ameliorate the suffering entailed thereby, by taking to the field at mid-morning and mid-afternoon, a concoction called

"ponada," which was a mixture of spring water, sugar or honey, vinegar, grated nutmeg, and perhaps other ingredients not now recalled. They said they had satisfied harvest hands and got more work because the men were sober. The author can testify that "ponada" was a delectable beverage in his boyhood on the old farm.

Johnson did not serve in the Civil War. He was 48 years old when it began. He said he would have been in the "Hundred Day Service," had he not had the misfortune to break a leg in 1862. As farm help was almost non-existent and his only son, Samuel, was a boy ten years old, he tried to do farm work on crutches before the bones were knitted. The result was a permanently shortened limb and the rest of his life he hurried from place to place with a marked limp.

Johnson Houseman was a man of very positive convictions on questions of right and wrong. When convinced that a man was dishonest he would have no further dealings with him. He was first a Whig, then a Republican, and his love for Lincoln amounted to a passion.³⁰ At his funeral the minister said, "Here was a man who never compromised with evil." From what we can deduce from data gathered regarding other members of the Houseman family, we believe the same may be truthfully said of most of the Houseman descendants.

The children of Johnson Houseman and Nancy Gregory were:

1 Sarah Anne Houseman (December 6, 1838-December 12, 1841).

2 Eliza Jane Houseman (August 21, 1840-1905). She married Isaac Herron December 25, 1866. He was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, a school teacher, and served through the Civil War. In 1871 they moved to Oregon, at Wilbur, Douglas County. There Isaac Herron founded an academy in which both he and his wife taught, Eliza Jane having been a teacher before her marriage. In 1875 they moved to Lake County, Cal., and a few years later to Napa, Napa County, where they resided until their death. Their children were:

1] Elizabeth V. Herron (1868-1933)

2] Mary Herron (1870)

3] Jane Herron

4] Nancy Herron

5] George Herron

6] Frederick Herron

None of their children ever married except Frederick, who has two

sons. His family lives in Washington, D. C. The first five children are deceased, Jane and Nancy having died in infancy. Elizabeth was a teacher most of her life in the schools of Mendocino County, Cal. She was greatly interested in educational work among the Negroes, and left half of her modest estate and her fine library to Rust College at Holly Springs, Miss. George was a graduate of Leland Stanford, Jr. University and a friend of Mrs. Stanford. He was for some years Assistant Curator of the Museum of the University.

3 James William Houseman (June 16, 1843-June 19, 1843).

4 Mary Elizabeth Houseman (August 31, 1846-November 9, 1881) married John Alexander Frazier on October 31, 1869. She was a teacher before her marriage. John A. Frazier was a young dry goods merchant of excellent prospects in Zanesville, O. In March, 1873, following an attack of measles, his lungs became affected and the family joined the Herrons at Wilbur, Ore. The two families moved to Lake County, Cal., together and John A. Frazier died near Kelseyville, Cal., May 7, 1877. After a year Mary Elizabeth returned to Ohio with her two children and died at her father's home. Her children were reared by Johnson and Nancy Houseman. They were:

1] Harry Houseman Frazier (September 15, 1870) who married Alice Ledman on August 15, 1894. She is a daughter of James Ledman and Mary Jane Craig, early settlers of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. Harry Houseman Frazier was educated at Muskingum College, Heidelberg University, Ohio Northern University and Chicago University. He spent many years as a teacher, being Principal of Columbian High School, Tiffin, O., from 1900 to 1927. He has been a banker since 1927 and is President of The Tiffin National Bank. He has been a member of the Official Board of St. Paul's M. E. Church at Tiffin, O., since 1900, and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for 22 years. He is a 32nd degree Mason.

Their children were:

[1] John Ledman Frazier (March 6, 1896-February 8, 1897).

[2] Faith Mary Frazier (June 6, 1898) who married Dana Griswold Coe on June 15, 1929, at the Singing Tower, Lake Wales, Fla. He has his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and his graduate degrees from Ohio State University and Rutgers College. Faith Frazier graduated from Heidelberg University in 1920 and received her M. A. degree at Columbia University in 1921. She was with

the Associated Charities at Cleveland, O., until 1928, and while there received the M. S. degree in Social Service from Western Reserve University. Their children are:

- [1] Robert Frazier Coe (June 17, 1930)
- [2] Mary Elizabeth Houseman Coe (January 24, 1933)
- [3] Alice Griswold Coe (March 5, 1934)

These children were born in Baton Rouge, La.

2] Daisy Frazier (March 21, 1873) was married to Rev. Clarence A. Moore in 1900. He has been for 38 years a member of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at present is serving a congregation at Winton Place, Cincinnati, O. Their children are:

[1] Betty Ruth Moore, who was married September 4, 1936, to George Stirling at Columbus, O.

[2] Dorothy Houseman Moore, who married Hawley Williams, and their children are:

- [1] Gerald Lee Williams
- [2] Dorothy Sandra Williams
- [3] John Hawley Williams

They live in Cincinnati, O.

4 Jemima Houseman (September 12, 1849-October 26, 1849).

5 Samuel Wesley Houseman (June 26, 1852-August 27, 1928). He was married August 4, 1880, to Elizabeth Burris whom he survived seventeen months. They left no issue. Samuel was a farmer and a lover of good horses, being noted among his neighbors for having some of the finest ones in the community. He was a life-long Methodist Episcopal and for many years an official member of Rich Hill Church, and a trustee of the cemetery where his grandfather, Christopher, his father and mother, and others of the family are buried.

6 Catherine Newbold Houseman (May 6, 1854) married Lynn Samuel Reasoner August 4, 1880. He was a merchant and died about 1925. Catherine lives at Cambridge, O. Their children are:

1] Jay Albert Reasoner, who married Bessie Ling. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and also of the Law School there. He had a promising future in the practice of law at Cambridge, O., and died as a result of an appendectomy when their daughter, Carmen, was one year old. Carmen is a graduate of Bliss Business College, Columbus, O., and is employed in that city in one of the State offices under civil service.

2] Ethel Reasoner also graduated from Ohio State University and is a teacher in Owego, N. Y., High School.

JACOB HOUSEMAN'S FAMILY

ii. Jacob Houseman, second child of Christopher Houseman and Sarah Myers (March 29, 1815-May 4, 1891) was born in Washington County, Pa., and as has been already said, was brought to Westland Township, Guernsey County, O., when he was about one year old. He was apprenticed at the age of eighteen to learn the carpenter trade. Unlike his brother, Johnson, he took more kindly to his trade and followed it at intervals up to his later years, although he spent much of his life on a farm.

In 1842 he went to Iowa,³¹ and two years later, June 4, 1844, he married Susanna R. Spearman. His wife seems to have been highly esteemed among others of the Housemans, judging from frequent references to her made in letters received by us while collecting data for this book and from our own recollections of references to "Uncle Jake and Aunt Susan," when a boy.

Jacob Houseman yielded to the excitement over gold in California, along with thousands of others. There is a lack of agreement as to the year he went to California. One³² says it was 1852. Another,³³ says it was either in 1848 or 1849. There seems to be an agreement of various sources that he remained there two years. The journey was made in a large caravan, made up of covered wagons, each drawn by four oxen, with outriders on horseback going ahead and others bringing up the rear, as a protection against hostile bands of Indians.³⁴ The return trip was made by sea, "around the Horn." The vessel was the "Yankee Blade," which was wrecked off the coast of Columbia, S. A. When the life boats were being launched the Captain ordered all baggage to be left behind. Jacob had a quantity of gold dust in his carpet bag, and considerable more in a flat leather belt around his waist. When he was safe in one of the boats he called to the Captain and told him to assign one more passenger to that boat, which was done. Jacob dropped over the side of the boat and with his hands on the gunwale was safely landed. The shipwrecked passengers re-embarked on another vessel and Jacob arrived home just before Christmas, having left San Francisco early in September.

With the gold in his belt he built the fine farm house, barns and other buildings on his well kept farm three miles south of Mt. Pleasant,

Iowa. This house was destroyed by fire January 28, 1889, on the very night before one of his daughters, Cynthia Bell, died. As soon as the funeral was over, neighbors came driving to the farm with loads of lumber, brick and other building materials. Much labor was donated and soon a house, better than the first one, replaced the one burned.

Jacob Houseman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church over fifty years and for more than thirty years a member of Pleasant Hill Church, whose first edifice he helped to build as a carpenter in 1845. It is fitting that his body rests in a spot formerly enclosed by the foundation walls of the same church.

We are told that there is a tradition that Jacob Houseman never smiled or laughed.³⁶ It is easy to believe this may be true of his later years after tuberculosis had made such inroads into his large family. But life was a serious thing for most of the early Housemans. And it is possible it may be literally true. The same authority says he never would employ a doctor and that his eldest son, John Fordyce Houseman, sent the doctor who attended him in his last illness.³⁵

Jacob Houseman, denied the privilege of an education further than learning to read and write, appreciated the value of education. He contributed generously to the founding of Iowa Wesleyan University, Pleasant Hill Chapel, and Howe's Academy, in Mt. Pleasant. In the last named school he had a life scholarship and a number of his children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren used it as they attended the Academy, before public high schools became common.³⁷

He was a life-long Whig and Republican and during the later years of the Civil War belonged to the "Home Guards" or "Grey Beards," as they were called, who were organized to defend the local communities against invasion. They drilled once a week on the public square in Mt. Pleasant.

His wife, Susanna Spearman Houseman, was born January 17, 1827, and died August 25, 1897, aged 70 years, 7 months, 1 day.³⁸

The children of Jacob and Susan Houseman were:

- 1 John Fordyce Houseman (March 15, 1845-December 2, 1918) married Estella Margaret Bell September 19, 1867.³⁹ He was educated at Iowa Wesleyan University. Enlisted in the 4th I. V. C. and served two years in the Civil War, 1864-'65. In the fall of 1873 he was elected Treasurer of Henry County and served a term of two years. He was, for several years, a partner in the mercantile firm of Newbold and Houseman at Mt. Pleasant. He was a member of the Board of Edu-

cation of that city several terms.⁴⁰ In 1887 he moved to Aurora, Neb., where he was cashier of the First National Bank. He was in charge of the First National Bank at Bradshaw, Neb., from 1898 to 1917.⁴¹ He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years and a Sunday School Superintendent for nine years. Estella Margaret Bell was a daughter of John Bell and Mary Ann McConaughy, the father of Ligonier, Derry County, Pa., and the mother of Westmoreland County, Pa.⁴¹

John Fordyce Houseman was considered a very capable banker, many of the younger men in his banks being called to New York banks. His funeral services were attended by the largest concourse of people ever seen at a funeral in Aurora, Neb., where he lived at the time of his death. He is said to have had a remarkably pleasant disposition, making light of unfriendly criticism and holding no grudges.

John Fordyce Houseman's children were:

1] Frank E. Houseman, who was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, married Margaret Eads, of Aurora, Neb., in June, 1896. Margaret Eads was a teacher of music and church organist. She died in September, 1933. Their only child is Helen Houseman, who lives at 904 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill. Frank Houseman is in a large mercantile business in Omaha, Neb.

2] Charles Houseman, who died of pneumonia in 1888 at the age of 19. He is remembered for his amiable disposition and his interest in church work.

3] Ralph Hanson Houseman was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and moved with his parents to Aurora, Neb., in 1887. He was educated at Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., and Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Omaha. He was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1899. Has served congregations in Colorado and Nebraska; Westminster Church, Syracuse, N. Y., nine years, and Knox Presbyterian Church, Saint Paul, Minn., the past five years. His present residence is 1531 W. Minnehaha Street, Saint Paul, Minn. In May, 1903, he was married to Marie Cloud Valentine, a daughter of Samuel and Martha Dix Valentine. She was a graduate of the Omaha High School and Omaha Teacher Training School and taught school before her marriage.

Ralph Houseman has been in great demand among the churches of his denomination, and has visited almost every state in the Union in his speaking tours for the church, conducting conferences of various

kinds. He is a fluent speaker and his services are much sought for. A true Houseman trait is his fondness for "hobbys"—something to break the tedium of a strenuous round of duties. He is a botanist of recognized authority, and his herbarium is probably one of the most complete private ones in the country. Recently he presented a collection of 1000 specimens to his Alma Mater, Hastings College, which has attracted more than local attention. He is also a philatelist and his stamp collection is a large one, especially in U. S. stamps. His collection of "U. S. 3-cent rose of 1861" is probably the best in existence. He is also a mountain climber of no small achievements, having scaled some of the best known peaks of the country.

Notwithstanding his hobbys, any one of which might easily take the entire time of an idle rich man, Ralph Houseman's record of churches served indicates that he has not neglected in any sense, his high calling, that of a minister of Christ.

Ralph H. Houseman and Marie Valentine Houseman have two daughters:

[1] Martha Estella Houseman (October, 1904) graduated from Syracuse University in 1926, was married to Raymond Wells Ruby at Syracuse, N. Y., in December, 1931. Their daughter is Nadyne Ruby (September 26, 1932). They live at 2208 Oakdale Road, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland, O.

[2] Frances Marie (January, 1906) graduated at Syracuse, N. Y., High School and City Normal. She is a kindergarten teacher.

2 James Spearman Houseman⁴² (December 2, 1846-September 7, 1935), the second child of Jacob Houseman and Susan Spearman, was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, as were all of their children. He was married December 19, 1866, to Ruth Ella Stansbury, (December 9, 1848-December 16, 1934). Both of them died at Hot Springs, S. D.

James Spearman Houseman was larger in stature than his brother, John Fordyce, when the latter enlisted in the Civil War, and was fired with a desire to enlist himself. He ran away from home three times to enlist. Each time he was brought back by his father. The third time his father found him in Burlington, Iowa, twenty-five miles from Mt. Pleasant. Jacob said to the recruiting officer, "You can't take this boy. He is only seventeen and I need him at home." The officer said, "He says he is over twenty-one." Jacob: "Why did you lie to this man, James?" James: "I didn't lie to him, I am over twenty-one." And taking off his boot he pulled out a slip of paper on which he had

written "twenty-one." "I told him I was over twenty-one, and I was!" The officer sent James home and told him to wait a couple of years. When that time came the war was over and James missed service.

James Spearman Houseman and his wife went first after their marriage to Lucas County, Iowa, and took up cheap land and ran a sheep ranch for a few years. Then they moved by covered wagon with a mule team to a small farm seven miles from Topeka, Kan., where their children, Suella and Martin, were born. In the late 70's the grasshoppers ate up all the vegetation in their locality for three summers in succession. They moved back to Iowa where they farmed for eight years and then emigrated to the new Dakota Territory. They entered large tracts of land there but in 1891 moved back to College View, a suburb of Lincoln, Neb., and lived there long enough to put their two youngest children, Myrtle Belle and Wilbur Farnsworth, through school. They then returned to a ranch in the Black Hills, near Custer, S. D. Later they leased the ranch and built themselves a fine home on an adjoining piece of land. The altitude proving too high for the wife's health, they sold their last residence property and bought several lots in Hot Springs, S. D., building several cottages, one for their home and the others for rent.

Before he left Custer, S. D., James was in a bad run-away accident which caused the amputation of his left leg below the knee. He lay in a hospital in Hot Springs several weeks in the fall of 1916 and he and his wife liked the town so much they decided to stay there. James then sold the Custer ranch and for about fifteen years he conducted a grocery in one of his cottages. Although he went on crutches, he did well in his business. He died in his sleep at the ripe age of 89.

The children of James Spearman Houseman and Ruth Ella Stansbury were:

1] John Walter Houseman (September 7, 1867 —) born at Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa, married Anna Luzetta Atkins September 7, 1902. He lives at present in Wessington Springs, S. D.

2] James Albert Houseman (April 5, 1869 —) was born in Lucas County, Iowa, and married Clara Luella Voorhees on January 4, 1894. They live at 240 Kansas Avenue, Huron, S. D. Their children, all born at Wessington Springs, S. D., are:

[1] Nellie Eliza Houseman (May 29, 1895 —) who married Bismarck Nollsch on October 23, 1918. Their children are:

[1 Glenn Nollsch

- [2] Harry Nollsch
- [3] Everett Nollsch
- [4] Joy Nollsch
- [5] Roy Stanley Nollsch
- [6] Genevieve Ruth Nollsch
- [7] Phyllis Faye Nollsch

[2] Ward Emerson Houseman (October 10, 1898) born at Galesburg, Ill., who married Lucille Ayres in 1934. They have a daughter Betty Lou (May 2, 1935) and live at Huron, S. D.

[3] Ruth Alice Houseman (June 20, 1902) who married Julius Johannsen in 1929. They have a son James Jurgen Johannsen (November 2, 1930) and live at Huron, S. D.

3] Suella Houseman (March 10, 1871) was born near Topeka, Shawnee County, Kan., and married John Monroe Grant on September 30, 1890. He died May 12, 1932. She was named for her grandmother, Susan Spearman, and her mother, Ella Stansbury, "Susan Ella." But the name was soon shortened into the present form of "Suella." She lives at Wessington Springs, S. D. She suffered a serious accident about two years ago and after a hospital experience of five months has been getting about with a crutch. She has furnished us with a page from a little autograph album presented to her by her grandfather, Jacob Houseman, when she was a little girl of twelve years, on the eve of their immigration to Dakota Territory. It is reproduced in the Picture Section.

4] Jacob Martin Houseman (August 5, 1873-April 16, 1933) was born near Topeka, Shawnee County, Kan., and died at Hartshore, Okla. He was married (1) to Margie Beam on May 5, 1902, who died in 1910; and (2) to Hettie Arnold on June 3, 1911.

The children by his first marriage are:

[1] Ruth Ella Houseman who married — Bennett. There were two daughters by this marriage and both parents are deceased.

[2] Paul Jefferson Houseman who married Clara — and they have one son, Arvid, born in 1928. Paul Houseman served in the Medical Corps in the World War. He was for five years after the war in the Veteran's Hospital at Denver, Colo., where the son was born. Later he was a physician and surgeon in Battle Mt. Sanitarium, the National Veteran's Home in Hot Springs, S. D.

[3] William Howard Houseman (July 4, 1908)

The children by Jacob Martin Houseman's second marriage are:

[1] Olive Houseman married Ray Roberts on September 17, 1933. Her husband is deceased and she has one son Rodney Lee Roberts, (April 26, 1935.)

[2] Clara Houseman, a girl now about sixteen years of age.

5] Paul Butler Houseman (April 16, 1878-August 10, 1896) was born near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and was never married. He died at Lincoln, Neb.

6] Myrtle Belle Houseman (May 24, 1879) was married on August 2, 1897, to Amos Monroe Boggs. They live at Hot Springs, S. D. Their children are:

[1] Mildred Ethel Boggs (April, 1912) who was married to Robert Sparks.

Their children were:

[1 Robert Clifton Sparks (August, 1932)

[2 Thelma Iona Sparks (died age one year)

[3 Virginia Lee Sparks (June 15, 1936)

They live at McCone City, Mont.

[2] Thelma Louise Boggs (September 11, 1913) who was married to Milton Dean.

Their children are:

[1 Florence Mildred Dean (August 26, 1934)

[2 Violet Ruby Dean (July 11, 1936)

They live at McCone City, Mont.

[3] William Merle Boggs (August, 1915) who married Dessyle Dean in 1935 and they live at Pringle, S. D.

7] Wilbur Farnsworth Houseman (November 29, 1883) was born at Bedford, Aurora County, S. D., and married Anna M. Stevens on May 2, 1910. They live at 419 Chicago Avenue, Hot Springs, S. D.

3 Sarah Ann Houseman⁴³ (September 8, 1848) was born near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and was married (1) on February 25, 1869, to Thos. Edger (October 17, 1846-1886). To them were born eight children. Sarah Edger was married (2) on July 6, 1902, to Charles Percie Walker (1842-1922). There were no children to the second marriage. Sarah Walker has been blind over forty years. Her husband, Thomas Edger, was killed in a farm accident and a black veil, used at his funeral, poisoned her eyes, causing her to lose her sight after several months of suffering.⁴⁴ She lives with her granddaughter, Mildred B. Wilson, in Gulfport, Miss., and is described as a "sweet, patient old lady."⁴⁵

Her children are:

1] Jennie Bell Edger (January 13, 1870-March 19, 1919) was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and married Thomas Buckingham. Their son is Joseph J. Buckingham, who lives at Fairfield, Iowa, and has eight children.

2] Joseph Harry Edger (July 31, 1871-1919) born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and married Daisy Jennings. There are no children and they live at Santa Barbara, Cal.

3] Mattie Estella Edger (August 26, 1873-March 26, 1922) married Burrow Moscrop, who lives at New London, Iowa.

4] John Franklin Edger (August 21, 1875) who married Aleda Light and had

[1] Neva Edger who married — Munro and their children are:

[1] Betty Lou Munro

[2] Patsy Jean Munro

They live at Santa Barbara, Cal.

5] Thomas Arba Edger (November 25, 1877) who married Maude Watters and they have five children:

[1] Charles Thomas Edger living at Rocky Ford, Colo., has two children.

[2] Sally Amy Edger married — Olsen and lives at Fort Lupton, Colo.

[3] Ralph Eugene Edger

[4] Robert Edger

[5] Georgia Edger

The latter three live at Rocky Ford, Colo.

6] Charles Houseman Edger (March 1, 1880) married (1) Vera Hunter (dec'd.) and had [1] Dorman Thorwald Edger, living at Peoria, Ill.

He married (2) Lovilla Prickett and had

[2] Thelma Charlott Edger, living at Chicago, Ill.

[3] Thaine Edger, and

[4] Louise Edger (Dotson) who has one child. The last two named live at New London, Iowa.

7] William Arthur Edger (November 3, 1882) married Bertha Eddington, who died in 1936. They had a daughter [1] Mioma Joye Edger, and he lives at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

8] Susie Rovida Edger (March 20, 1885-March 21, 1935) married Melvin Claude Wilson at Hattiesburg, Miss. They had children:

[1] Melvin Thorwald Wilson (June 21, 1905) who has a daughter [1 Hester Rovida Wilson (October 9, 1933) and they live at New Orleans, La.

[2] Dale Edger Wilson (October 18, 1907) who lives at New Augusta, Miss., and has a son [1 Dale E. Wilson (October 13, 1936).

[3] Mildred B. Wilson (November 2, 1911) living at Gulfport, Miss.

4 Elvira Houseman (July 25, 1851-January 25, 1916) married William Hill. About 1879 or 1880 the Hills moved from Henry County, Iowa, to West Virginia. Among other household goods was a stove containing a copper reservoir to heat water. This soon became a matter of news among the hill folks of West Virginia, and they came for miles around to see the strange contraption that would bake "pone" or yams without fire under an oven and heat water far distant from any fire. One visitor after another had to be convinced by actual demonstration, so the neighborly Hills had guests for dinner and supper, week after week, who stayed to partake of the marvelous culinary products "Aunt Ella" baked in the strange oven, and watched her wash her dishes in weater heated "without fire." When "Aunt Ella" and her husband moved back to Iowa a few years later she said "West Virginia is seventy-five years behind the times—just too slow."⁴⁶

Their children were:

1] Myrtle B. Hill

2] Susan Hill

3] Martin Hill

4] Roy Hill married Rebecca King and have children.

[1] Mervin Hill

[2] Raymond Hill

[3] Myra Nell Hill

Roy Hill lives at New London, Iowa.

5 Alice Cary Houseman (September 26, 1855) married John Crain on March 15, 1877, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary March 15, 1927, and are still living at 108 Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.⁴⁷ John Crain has been, ever since his marriage, a valuable asset to the Jacob Houseman family. In times of death, fire, and other troubles, he was always present to help, counsel and console. (See picture Section for Golden Wedding Anniversary picture.)

Their children were:

1] Estella May Crain married Clarence Hackett and their son is
[1] Errol Crain Hackett

2] Susan Hannah Crain married Clyde Thompson. Their children
are

[1] Alice Thelma Thompson who married Clinton Scranton and
have

[1] Helen Louise Scranton

[2] Martin Edward Scranton

[4] Vietta May Thompson who married Leo Padgett and have

[1] Wayne Padgett

[2] Agnes Grace Thompson who married Fabian Kerfus and have

[1] Richard Lewis Kerfus

[3] Delbert Valentine Thompson who married Ila King and have

[1] Orville Thompson

[2] Pauline Thompson

[3] Irma Thompson

[5] John Alonzo Thompson

[6] Gladys Thompson

[7] Kenneth Thompson

[8] Harold Thompson

[9] Beverly Sue Thompson

[10] Hazel Thompson

6 Cynthia Bell Houseman (February 10, 1858-January 20, 1879) was the first of four children of Jacob and Susan Houseman who died of tuberculosis. She was carried from her father's burning home the night before she died by John I. Crain.

7 Charles Elliot Houseman (March 1, 1860-August 12, 1880) was a young man of great promise, the second child to succumb to the dread disease.

8 William Cornelius Houseman (July 3, 1862, October 9, 1911) married Barbey Ann McGowen on May 25, 1887, in Frontier County, Neb.. Their children were

1] George Webster Houseman (April 6, 1888) married Alice Rose Greenfield at New Haven, Sussex County, England, on June 13, 1919. She was a "war bride," as George had served in the World War just ended. Their first two children were born in England, the others after their return to America.

The children are

- [1] Henry William Houseman (June 19, 1920)
- [2] Barbara Houseman (October 28, 1921)
- [3] Doris Evelyn Houseman (September 24, 1923)
- [4] George Frederick Houseman (September 15, 1925)
- [5] Pearl Selena Houseman (September 5, 1927)
- [6] Bernard Douglas Houseman (February 25, 1929)
- [7] Vera Marguerita Houseman (January 10, 1931)
- [8] Benjamin Houseman (July 30, 1933)
- [9] A child—name and sex not reported

2] Howard Cornelius Houseman married Lydia May on November 27, 1917, at Glasgow, Mont., whose children are

- [1] Ortie Fred Houseman (November 22, 1918-February 2, 1923)
- [2] Ralph Orville Houseman (December 9, 1920)
- [3] Virgil Leroy Houseman (June 26, 1928-February 9, 1929)
- [4] Violet Lillian Houseman (July 4, 1934)
- 3] Amos Leroy Houseman (February 12, 1892)
- 4] Henry Lewis Houseman (February 2, 1894)

Howard C. Houseman lives at Shakleton, Saskatchewan, B. C., Canada.

9 Alva S. Houseman (March 3, 1864) married Hattie in young manhood, had one daughter, Nina, who died at the age of four months, lost his wife in 1892 soon after by death, and never married again. He is living in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, advanced in years and sorely crippled.

10 Bertha Greefe Houseman (August 25, 1867-January 1, 1889)

11 Almeda McBride Houseman (July 24, 1870-March 29, 1890)

The two youngest daughters died in young womanhood, making a tale of four deaths in Jacob Houseman's family from tuberculosis.

MARY ANNE HOUSEMAN AND JOHN FORDYCE

iii Mary Anne Houseman (November 16, 1817-1899) was the third child of Christopher Houseman and Sarah Myers and was the first of their children born in Guernsey County, O. She was married in 1837 to John Fordyce, Jr. (1808-1882).⁴⁸ John Fordyce was a young merchant who had lost his first wife and had no children. Five years after their marriage they joined Johnson Houseman and his wife and John Gregory, and Jacob Houseman, her brother, and moved to Iowa. On this journey John Fordyce first saw the village of Chicago, which was later to be his home, and where he had more than ordinary success in

business. A deed in our possession shows that he invested in Iowa land, but he lived, while in Iowa, in Mt. Pleasant, and continued in the mercantile business. We do not know exactly when he moved to Chicago, but it was before Johnson Houseman returned to Ohio in 1854. In Chicago he soon became interested in coal mines and amassed a comfortable fortune before he died. The business was continued by two of his sons for many years before he died. John Fordyce was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and his funeral service in Chicago was held in a church of that denomination. Their children were:

- 1 James Harvey Fordyce (1838-42)

- 2 Samuel Wesley Fordyce (1840-1920) who married Susan Chadwick (or Chadwick). Regarding this couple we have the following story:

Samuel Fordyce was a soldier in the Civil War and rose to the rank of Colonel. After the war closed he was stationed for some time in Texas as part of the "army of occupation," during the reconstruction period. Riding one day to a plantation in the pursuit of some duty, he encountered a daughter of the house on horseback. In some exchange of civilities (or uncivilities) the girl became enraged and struck him across the face with her riding crop. Samuel remarked to a comrade "I'll marry that girl." The girl was Susan Chadwick. He became in later years president of a railroad and on the Rio Grande some forty miles up from Brownsville the map shows today the little town of "Samfordyce." It stands as mute evidence of his popularity and the esteem in which he was held by Texans.⁵¹ Their children were:

- 1] John Fordyce whose children are:

- [1] Samuel Fordyce who has one son and two daughters.

- [2] Jack Fordyce who has a son and a daughter.

- [3] Edward Fordyce

- [4] Powell Fordyce who has one daughter.

The second son of Samuel and Susan Fordyce is

- 2] William Fordyce who has two sons and one daughter.

The third child is

- 3] Samuel Fordyce and the last child is

- 4] Jane Fordyce who married David Stanley and they have three sons and one granddaughter.

The third child of John and Mary Anne Fordyce was

- 3 Ruth Fordyce (1842-1907) who married Lewis Baker. Their

home for the greater part of their lives was in Wheeling, W. Va., where Lewis Baker was the editor and publisher of the *Wheeling Register*, a newspaper of large circulation and great influence in that section of the country. They had a fine, large home in Wheeling and a summer home on an island in the Ohio River below the city. The children of Ruth and Lewis Baker were:

1] John Fordyce Baker

2] Lillian Fordyce Baker who married Charles Warren and had

[1] Lewis Baker Warren

3] Lewis Baker

4] Anne Baker who married Guy Despard Goff. He served a full term in the United States Senate from West Virginia (March 4, 1925-March 3, 1931). He was elected as a Republican, was offered a second nomination, which he declined owing to failing health, and died the following year. Anne Baker Goff lives at 2400 16th Street, Washington, D. C. She has recently endowed a scholarship at Kenyon College, Gambier, O.

5] Virginia Baker married — and had

[1] Ruth — who married Eads Johnson and they have a daughter

[1] Virginia Johnson

[2] Elizabeth — who married Livingston Tallmadge and have

[1] Gerard Tallmadge, a daughter, and

[2] Mary Tallmadge

6] Susan Baker

7] Nancy Ruth Baker married James Thomas and had

[1] Newton Thomas who has two sons and one daughter.

[2] Addison Thomas

[3] Nancy Thomas, who has one son.

8] William Baker

9] Samuel Baker

The fourth child of John and Mary Anne Fordyce was

4 William Houseman Fordyce (1844-44)

The fifth child was

5 Justin Gerard Fordyce (1845-46)

The sixth child was

6 Homer Gerard Fordyce (1847-1907) who married Esther McPherson and had one son.

The seventh child was

7 Benson Fordyce (1849-1925) who was never married.

The eighth child was

8 Thomas Mellville Fordyce (1851-56)

The ninth child was

9 Sarah Alice Fordyce (1853-56)

The tenth child was

10 Nancy Fordyce (1855-1905) who married Charles Swift, a minister. They have two sons and two daughters and one daughter has three children.

The youngest child of John and Mary Anne Fordyce was

11 Addison Fordyce (1858-1925) who married Alice Dean Smith and had one daughter and one granddaughter.

Benson and Homer Fordyce carried on for many years after their father's death the business established by him, operating large coal mines in the State of Illinois. Only six of the eleven children of John and Mary Anne Fordyce lived to mature years and Benson and Addison died the same year.

ELIZABETH HOUSEMAN AND SAMUEL GREGORY

iv Elizabeth Houseman (March 5, 1819-December 12, 1849)⁴⁹ was the fourth child of Christopher Houseman and Sarah Myers. She married Samuel Gregory, bore him three children and died at thirty in the bloom of young womanhood. Samuel Gregory was a brother of Nancy Gregory, wife of Johnson Houseman, making the children of both families "double" cousins. This, and the fact that the Gregory and Houseman farms were adjoining, drew the two families unusually close to each other. While their children were young, they were almost inseparable. All the social activities of their time were shared together. There was never a disagreement or misunderstanding among any members of the two families. The same conditions prevailed during the childhood and youth of the third generation, between the two families. They attended the same district school, Dublin, or Pleasant Ridge, as it was later called. They shared together oyster suppers, box socials, singing schools, spelling matches—all the social diversions of country youth fifty years ago.

The Gregorys were of Irish origin, Noble Gregory, father of Samuel, having been born in Ireland and brought to America after the Revolution. His wife was Sarah Spencer, whose funeral the author attended when a boy of thirteen years. She had attained the age of ninety-eight and a half years. Noble Gregory was one of the earliest

settlers in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. He had but two sons in a family of ten children, John b. 1809, and Samuel (1811-1890). John was a member of the party which included Johnson Houseman, John Fordyce, Jacob Houseman and himself, in the migration to Iowa in 1842. He accompanied Jacob Houseman to California on the journey across the plains, before described. He died young in Iowa, and never married. Johnson Houseman and Samuel Gregory were given a power of attorney by Noble Gregory to settle his son's estate, which consisted largely of Iowa land. The eldest son of Samuel and Gregory and Elizabeth Houseman was

1 William Drummond Gregory. He married Fannie Gallogly. He was noted in his youth as a droll, witty fellow. We of the next generation knew him as "Uncle Drummond" and remember him for his geniality and his entertaining ability as a story teller. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 15th O. V. I. and reinlisted from time to time until the war was ended. After the war he went to Kansas and drove a mule team, working on the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. He taught school in Kansas one or two terms before returning to Ohio. He then bought a farm in Westland Township, Guernsey County, where all his children were born and reared, and lived there until his death in 1919.⁵⁰

The children of William Drummond Gregory and Fannie Gallogly are:

1] Mary Elizabeth Gregory who married Frank H. Ralston, a farmer, near New Concord, O. Their children are

[1] Donald Ralston who married Mary Isabelle Knox and have children

[1] Dorothy Jean Ralston

[2] Donald Gregory Ralston

[2] Frances Ralston who married Eugene Brill and have

[1] Elizabeth Ann Brill

[2] Eugene Brill

[3] Ronald Ralston Brill

2] Samuel Welbly Gregory married Alice Cunningham and their children are

[1] Dorothy Gregory married Clyde Berry and they have

[1] John Gregory Berry

[2] Drummond Gregory married Irene Smith and they have children

[1 Richard Drummond Gregory and

[2 Emily Jane Gregory

[3] Elmer Gordon Gregory

[4] Elizabeth Grace Gregory

3] James Gallogly Gregory married Elsa Clauder and their children are

1] Philip James Gregory and

2] William Drummond Gregory

James Gregory owns a fine farm near Stone Lake, Wis. His brother, Samuel, now in impaired health, lives in a small house on James' farm. A letter from James Gregory, dated a few days before the election of 1936, indicates that he is still strong in the political faith (Republican) of his father. He says in this letter that his son, Philip, is in a CCC Camp and that the other son William, is driving to and from school at Hayward, and that on a recent trip he saw four deer on the thirty-five mile drive.

4] Lora May Gregory married Charles Wetzsteon. She died in 1915. Their children are

[1] Frances Elizabeth Wetzsteon who married Merton Howard and have

[1 Merton Lee Howard

[2] Lora Jane Wetzsteon now in Salem General Hospital, Salem, Ore, a registered nurse. Frances Elizabeth Wetzsteon lives at 2024 W. Knox Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

5] Ruth Houseman Gregory (died 1925) married Fred W. Barnett and their daughter

[1] Mary Elizabeth Barnett married Francis G. Moore.

[6] John Drummon Gregory died 1923.

7] Frances Grace Gregory married George A. Lohmire and they have a daughter

[1] Ada Frances Lohmire

They live in Sidney, O., and when last heard from (June, 1936) her mother was living with her at the advanced age of eighty-five, but "well and hearty."

8] Della Jean Gregory married Albert B. Cunningham and they live at Lubbock, Texas, where her husband is Professor of English in Texas Technological College. His name is in "Who's Who in America."

2 John G. Gregory married Mary Ray. She was a daughter of

George Ray, a farmer who was born in England, and lived in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. John Gregory was for many years probably the most prosperous and influential farmer in Rich Hill Township. He, with his brother, Drummond, enlisted in the 15th O. V. I. in the Civil War, and served throughout the war. He accumulated land so that at the height of his holdings he was the largest landholder in the township. Some years before his death he divided his estate among his children, settling each of his two sons on a farm, and moved to the college town of New Concord. He lived with his wife there in rented property and led an almost ideal retired life, raising poultry, fruits and garden. All his life it seemed that everything he touched, prospered. He was for many years an official member of Rich Hill M. E. Church and its most generous supporter. He introduced into the township the first pure bred Shorthorn cattle and, showing at State fairs in Ohio and neighboring states as well as at neighboring County fairs, he won many premiums with his herd, and did much to improve the stock of his own community.

He was well known for his generosity, his friendship for youth, and helped many young people to start in life. For years he served as a School Director and while his own school advantages extended only through the one room country school, he had a high appreciation of college education. He possessed a rich bass voice which was heard for many years in his church, and which, with training, might have gained for him more than local notice.

The children of John G. Gregory and Mary Ray are:

1] Elizabeth Jane Gregory married John Howard Martin. They were college mates at Muskingum College, New Concord, O., both graduating. After his theological course was completed at Monmouth, Ill., they were married and went to the Punjab, British India, under the Missionary Board of the United Presbyterian Church. This was their life work until their retirement a few years ago. All their children were born in India and one after another, as they arrived at proper age, they were sent back to be educated at their parents' alma mater. All who lived to the age of graduation have taken degrees from Muskingum College. Their children have all done them credit. They are:

[1] John Gregory Martin married Anne Laing and they have:

[1 Elizabeth McPherson Martin

[2 Mildred Laing Martin

[3 Gertrude Lillias Martin

[4 John Gregory Martin

John Gregory Martin (Sr.) graduated from Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, O., and for several years after his graduation was at the head of a hospital established by the United Presbyterian Church in India. When the depression limited funds for its support the hospital was closed and he returned to America and now practices medicine in Rutland, Vt.

[2] Ralph Laughlin Martin who is a commercial artist in New York City.

[3] Howard Ray Fife Martin who died in India in his ninth year.

[4] Samuel Williamson Martin who died while a Junior in college, age 21.

[5] Mary Gertrude Martin married John Elder Wallace and they have

[1 John Elder Wallace and

[2 Mary Jane Wallace

They are in a Presbyterian Mission in India.

[6] Frances Catherine Martin, who is a teacher in northern Michigan.

[7] Dora Elizabeth Martin married Edwin M. Clark and they have

[1 Dorothy Katherine Clark

[2 Lois Margaret Clark

[3 Elizabeth May Clark

[8] Eugene Houseman Martin at home.

2] Sarah Katherine Gregory married Samuel Shepler. They live on a farm in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. Their children are:

[1] Herbert Gregory Shepler married Frances Carmen and their daughters are

[1 Carmen Shepler and

[2 Anna Katherine Shepler

Herbert is a surgeon stationed at U. S. Navy Hospital, San Diego, Cal.

[2] John Shepler married Josephine Rinehard.

[3] Martha Elizabeth Shepler married Delmar Lemmon and had

[1 Martha Katherine Lemmon and

[2 William Kenneth Lemmon who died in infancy.

Delmar Lemmon is Principal of the High School at Dover, O.

[4] Mary Lois Shepler married James Bradford and had

[1] Infant son died

[2] Nancy Anne Bradford

James Bradford is a professor at the University of Chicago.

[5] Merrill Shepler unmarried

[6] Eugene Shepler unmarried

Martha Gregory Lemmon lives at 1224 Dover Avenue, Dover, O., and

Lois Gregory Bradford lives at 6040 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

3] Samuel Ray Gregory married Mary Shepler and they live on a farm in Rich Hill Township, adjoining the Shepler farm. Their children are

[1] Winifred Gregory married Lloyd Menzie who had

[1] Donna Winifred Menzie and

[2] Ernest Lloyd Menzie who died October 19, 1936.

[2] John Gregory

[3] Joseph Gregory

4] Margaret Winifred Gregory married John Watson and have one daughter

[1] Grace Watson married Paul Cunningham and have

[1] Martha Margaret Cunningham

[2] Mary Anne Cunningham

[3] Frances Cunningham who died in infancy.

Margaret and John Watson live in New Concord, O., and Grace Cunningham lives in Shreve, O.

5] Sylvia Susan Gregory married Warren Saliday and have

[1] Louis Saliday who married Jeraldine Johnson and they have a daughter

[1] Lorraine Johnson

6] Pearl Houseman Gregory married Blanch Saliday and their daughter [1] Dorothy Elizabeth Gregory married Henry Kaiser and their children are

[1] Dorothy Gregory Kaiser

[2] Henry Kaiser III, born November 2, 1936.

3 Mary Anne Gregory married (1) James Poland.⁵² He was a soldier of the Civil War and coming home on furlough was accidentally drowned. They had one child

1] Alice Cary Poland (May 13, 1862- August 25, 1916) who was married to Elmer E. Siberts, a farmer, near Winfield, Iowa, on March 24, 1885. Their children were:

[1] Carl Siberts (1886-October 8, 1918) who died in France in the World War.

[2] Earl Edward Siberts (August 31, 1889 —)

[3] Lyle Leslie Siberts (July 19, 1891-June 22, 1921) who married Nellie Wheeler on March 17, 1917. His widow teaches in Winfield, Iowa, public schools. Their son

[1 Robert Ellsworth Siberts (June 5, 1921) is a student at Winfield High School.

[4] Silver La Rue Siberts (1895-96)

[5] Lucille Siberts (January 14, 1910) married Chester Reed Green on December 27, 1919, and their child is

[1 Betty Green (December 4, 1920) a student in Long Beach, Cal., High School.

Mary Anne Gregory (Poland) married (2) Elijah Roberts. Three daughters were born to this union, all of whom are living in or near Winfield, Iowa. They are:

1] Alta Kate Roberts (October 22, 1872) married Charles E. Haight, a carpenter, on June 9, 1892. Their children are

[1] Chester Ellsworth Haight (April 7, 1893) who married Lela Van Syoc. They live on a farm near Winfield, Iowa, and have

[1 Loma Haight (November 26, 1915) attending school at Ames State College.

[2 Virgil Haight (August 16, 1918) attending Ames State College.

[3 Paul Haight (January 26, 1920) attending Winfield High School.

[4 Orlo Haight (May 13, 1923) attending Winfield grade schools.

[5 Keith Haight (March 16, 1925) attending Winfield grade schools.

[2] Bernice Haight (January 11, 1900) married Earl McCracken on October 20, 1920. He is a professor at Ames State College. Their children are

[1 Mary Eleanor McCracken (July 17, 1921-July 28, 1921)

[2 Elane McCracken (January 1, 1923) in grade school at Ames, Iowa.

[3 Phyllis McCracken (May 13, 1926) also in grade school at Ames, Iowa.

2] Alma Cora Roberts (February 2, 1875) married John F.

Rickey, a farmer, on May 2, 1894, near Winfield, Iowa. Their children are

[1] Lloyd Roberts Rickey (March 13, 1895) married Arbelon Wolfe April 2, 1919. He is a mechanic residing at Joilet, Ill., and they have a daughter

[1] Lorraine Rickey (January 18, 1920) now a student in Joilet, Ill., High School.

[2] Cloyce Herbert Rickey (November 15, 1896) who married Dorothy Chitwood on August 8, 1928. They have two children

[1] Caroline Rickey (August 17, 1929) in grade school at Winfield, Iowa, and

[2] John Wiley Rickey (March 9, 1934)

[3] Frank Delbert Rickey (January 13, 1903) a farmer near Winfield, Iowa, who married Opal Earls on April 5, 1923, and lives at Columbus Junction, Iowa. Their son is

[1] Frank B. Rickey (March 29, 1929) in county school.

[4] James Howard Rickey (January 27, 1906-April 28, 1906)

[5] Mary Margaret Rickey (March 24, 1907) married Harry Burge, a farmer, near Columbus Junction, Iowa, on June 2, 1926. Their children are

[1] Cora Louise Burge (December 18, 1926) in grade school.

[2] Keith Burge (November 27, 1929) also in grade school.

[6] Alma Gertrude Rickey (March 26, 1912) married Orval Cornwell on June 9, 1930, a farmer, near Winfield, Iowa. Their children are

[1] Earl Eugene Cornwell (December 31, 1930) in grade school of Mt. Union, Iowa.

[2] Richard Duane Cornwell (May, 1932)

[3] Donald John Cornwell (December 24, 1933)

3] Flora May Roberts (June 4, 1877) married J. Edward Pierce, a brick and tile manufacturer at Winfield, Iowa, on September 16, 1897. They have a son

[1] Harry Roberts Pierce (October 21, 1898) who married Hazel Burns on January 4, 1927. They live in Chicago, Ill., where he is employed in the Bell Telephone offices and their only child is

[1] Kenneth Edward Pierce (November 22, 1935)

v William Houseman⁵³ (April 21, 1821-October 16, 1871) married Elizabeth Thompson. He was exactly eight months old when his father, Christopher, died. The baby of the family, he was not

apprenticed to a trade as were his two elder brothers, but began clerking in a store at about the age of sixteen years. This was his vocation the rest of his life. For many years he conducted a general store at Senecaville, Guernsey County, a village about twelve miles from the old Houseman farm.

The families of William and Johnson Houseman were much together after Johnson returned to Ohio from Iowa. "Uncle William's" store was a place full of charm for Johnson's children and "Uncle Johnson's" farm offered new and exciting experiences for William's children.

William Houseman was a genial, pleasant man, a good dresser and most fastidious in his personal appearance. His wife, Elizabeth Thompson, came from one of the early prominent families of Guernsey County and seems to have been a general favorite with all who knew her. (The Housemans seem to have generally been pretty fortunate in their choices of in-laws.)

William and Elizabeth Houseman had two sons and four daughters, all of whom were born in Senecaville, O. They were:

1 Homer Houseman who married Martha Umstott. He was for many years and at the time of his death in the banking business in Columbus, O., being cashier of the Citizens' Savings Bank.

They had three daughters:

1] Stella Houseman married George Blakeslee and they have

[1] Ruth Blakeslee married George Calland and their daughter is

[1] Martha Calland

2] Ruth Houseman married Ralph Belknap and they have two daughters:

[1] Martha Belknap and

[2] Helen Belknap

3] Edith Houseman married Edward Reel and their daughter

[1] Dorothy Reel married Rev. Paul Hardin

2 Alice Houseman, second child of William and Elizabeth Houseman, married Joseph Graham and had

1] Ada Graham who married John Bane and their daughter is

[1] Alice Bane

Ada Graham is a soloist of more than average ability. Joseph Graham was for many years in the employment of the B. & O. Railroad and their home was at Wheeling, O.

3 Leander Houseman married Martha Ayers and they lived all

their adult lives in Columbus, O., where their children were born. They are:

1] Lena Houseman married Lyman Moore and their children are:

[1] Elda Moore and

[2] Laura Jane Moore

2] Alice Houseman married James Davidson. They live in Senecaville, O., and their children are:

[1] Paul Davidson

[2] Edith Hinton Davidson

[3] William Hinton Davidson

[4] Virginia Davidson

3] Lawrence Houseman married Trella — and their daughter is

[1] Martha Jane Houseman

4] Myrtle Houseman, Columbus, O.

5] Lillian Houseman who married Curtis Fishinger.

6] Albert Houseman who married Gladys —. He enlisted May 28, 1918, as a Private, Co. A, 12th Machine Battalion, and was honorably discharged August 6, 1919, after service in France and Germany with the Army of Occupation.

7] Mary Houseman married Jack Robinson and their daughter is

[1] Elizabeth Ann Robinson

4 Emma Houseman (died November 24, 1934) married Henry Clay Young (January 30, 1856-October 15, 1909). They had one child

8] Carl Houseman Young (August 12, 1882) who married Mayme Jackson (August 26, 1881) and they have children:

[1] Henry Clay Young (October 9, 1910)

[2] Clifford Jackson Young (October 9, 1910)

[3] Earl Raymond Young (March 22, 1912)

[4] Jean Eleanor Young (August 9, 1914)

[5] James Robert Young (March 28, 1919)

Carl Houseman Young was graduated at Ohio State University and also from the Law School there and has a busy and successful law practice at 55 E. State Street, Columbus, O. His children have all had the advantage of education at Ohio State University as they arrived at the proper age. The youngest, James Robert Young, is in high school.

5 Elizabeth Anne Houseman married McClelland Van Meter.

Their children are:

1] Rhea Van Meter married Paul A. Riggle.

2] Mary Van Meter married Walter Schwall and have

[1] Mary Aletta Schwall and

[2] Janet Marie Schwall

3] Stuart Van Meter married Mary Louise — and they have

[1] William Stuart Van Meter and

[2] Elgin Van Meter

Stuart Van Meter enlisted in November, 1917, in the 329th Aero Squadron and served until his honorable discharge in December, 1918, in the A. E. F. He was stationed during his service at London, England.

The three children of Elizabeth Houseman Van Meter were all gifted in music.

6] Mary Houseman married Dr. Abraham Lincoln Burson and survives her husband, living in the village of Irwin, O., about twenty miles northwest of Columbus. She is the only surviving child of William and Elizabeth Houseman and is now well advanced in years.

Dr. Burson practiced medicine at Irwin, O., over forty years and was the leading man of the town and community, being associated with all the village affairs. He was an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the school board and was the attending physician at the birth of most of the children in the village and surrounding community.

CHAPTER IV

JOHN JOHNSON HOUSEMAN, ELIZABETH SMITH AND MARIETTA NULL

HERE is no evidence that when Christopher Houseman and his wife, Sarah Myers, moved to Ohio they kept in very close touch with the Housemans left behind in Pennsylvania. They probably did not. Mails were very slow and very expensive, especially to a man like Christopher Houseman, who was paying for government land and using every dollar he could get to develop it. Johnson Houseman said he could remember when he was a boy in Guernsey County that a letter would sometimes lie in the post office several days, or even weeks, until money could be found to claim it. For postage was paid then by the recipient and depended upon the distance the letter had been carried. A letter from the Westmoreland County Housemans to the Guernsey County Housemans would have at least a quarter of a dollar postage to be collected on it when it was delivered.

Then, too, Christopher Houseman lived only six or six and a half years from the time of his migration until his death. And he left a family of five children, Johnson, the eldest, only eight years old. It is little wonder that the Ohio family practically lost track of the relatives "back East." We are sure that Johnson Houseman did not know the name of his own paternal grandfather, and equally certain that he knew nothing of his Revolutionary War service. Had he known he would have been proud of it and his grandson would have heard him tell it. Johnson Houseman's recollections did not extend beyond his own father and mother.

There is another consideration, purely our conjecture, and possibly not supported by facts, that seems interesting enough to be recorded here. Christopher and Sarah Houseman had lived across the line in Washington County, Pa., and were living there in 1814 when Jacob died. The second son, John Johnson, was at home and was unmarried. He was evidently his father's "right hand man."⁵⁴ While Christopher was named as co-executor in Jacob's will it is quite probable that the

will did not altogether please the elder brother. It may well have been the cause of coolness between the two elder brothers and might have had something to do with Christopher's migration, less than two years later to Ohio. This last is purely conjecture. But of this we are sure, the Pennsylvania Housemans and the Ohio Housemans practically lost all connections by communication with each other for a generation after the Ohio migration.

Sometime in the early 1870's Joseph Bela Houseman and his sister, Ella Houseman, children of Nathaniel Houseman, the second son of Joseph Houseman, a younger brother of John J. Houseman, visited the Johnson Houseman family in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County. They were of the same generation with Johnson Houseman's children and about the same age as Johnson's two younger children, Samuel and Catherine. We remember reading two or three old letters that came from the Pennsylvania cousins after their return home. But the letters were not preserved, and were the only evidence we ever saw or heard of that the two branches of the family of Jacob Houseman ever established any communication. The result of all this was that while there exists today in Pennsylvania a close bond among the Houseman descendants, the Ohio branch, until a few months ago, existed more as a tradition to them than as a flesh and blood fact. Not the least of our own compensations in preparing this history has been in finding "new" relatives.

John Johnson Houseman (d. September 15, 1854)⁵⁵ died in his 65th year, and is buried in Rehoboth Cemetery. "The records of the War Department show that John Johnson Houseman served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Daniel McKown's Company, Colonel Rees Hill's Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. His service commenced April 21, 1813, and ended June 21, 1813. His place of residence is shown as Greensburg."⁵⁶ The Pennsylvania Housemans say he was wounded in action. His short term of service indicates that they are correct. As he was born in 1789 (the same year as Washington's first inauguration), he was 24 years of age at the time of his service.

There is very little personal data in existence concerning John Johnson Houseman, so that aside from the bare record of his marriages, his children and their descendants, we can offer little of real interest. There is an interesting agreement on file at the Court House in Greensburg, dated 1833, made between John Johnson Houseman and

his son, Augustus Houseman, by his next friend, Bela B. Smith. The agreement called for a conveyance to Augustus Houseman in consideration that he care for his father's farm, his personal affairs, and provide a home for him while he lived. The language of this agreement is such that we infer that John J. Houseman was either old and infirm or in poor health. He was only forty-four years old at this time and lived twenty-one years after the agreement was made, and the conveyance was not consummated until after his death. It is believed he never was in rugged health after his war experience.

John Johnson Houseman married (1) Elizabeth Smith and (2) Marietta Null, a widow. His three children were born to the first union. They were:

i Evan Finley Houseman who married Harriett Paton. He was a man of varied accomplishments. In young manhood he conducted singing schools in the one room county schools and was the choir leader in Rehoboth Church. In later years he moved to Greensburg, the County Seat of Westmoreland County, and edited a newspaper, the *Tribune-Herald*, until his death. He was one of the co-executors of his Uncle Jacob Houseman's will and had considerable correspondence with his Aunt Catherine Newbold and Aunt Mary McBride over a matter connected with the settlement of the estate which will be more fully detailed in Chapter VII. Evan F. Houseman was an elder in Rehoboth Church from 1853 to 1873. The children of Evan and Harriett Houseman were:

- 1 Harris Houseman a farmer of Westmoreland County.
- 2 Anna Houseman married Rev. Robert Fulton and had
 - 1] Harris Fulton married Helen Thompson and their children are
 - [1] William Fulton
 - [2] Virginia Fulton and
 - [3] Sally Fulton
 - 2] Robert Fulton married Bess — and have children
 - [1] Rose Mary Fulton (adopted)
 - [2] Delores Fulton
 - 3] Evelyn Fulton married Frank Hart and they have
 - [1] Anna Hart and
 - [2] Elizabeth Hart

The Fultons live in Washington County, Pa.

- 3 John Houseman married Nettie Null.

4 Hampton Houseman married Mary Young. He was a lawyer and they had

1] Edith Houseman married Wilfred Saeger and their daughter is

[1] Betty Saeger

5 Alice Houseman

6 Harriett Houseman

7 Celia Houseman married Augustus Welty, a banker, and they have

1] Hetty Welty, a teacher.

2] Drum Welty married Hazel Koerlil who have

[1] Augustus Drum Welty III

3] Hampton Welty married Hazel Everett and their daughter is

[1] Jean Welty

ii Augustus Houseman married — Everhart.

iii Bela Houseman married Elizabeth Power. He was a farmer and she a descendant from one of the original settlers. Their children were

1 Homer Houseman married Mary Franklin. Homer Houseman and his wife are living near Rehoboth Church. He has been a farmer all his life and is (1937) in his eighty-eighth year. Mary Franklin Houseman is a descendant of Benjamin Franklin. Their children, all living, are

1] Margaret E. Houseman

2] Sarah Houseman married Gillette Lutz. They live on a farm near Persopolis, Pa., and have

[1] Elsie Lutz married Dwight Gaffney whose son is

[1] Sidney Gaffney

[2] Kenneth Lutz

[3] Donald Lutz

3] Jeanette Houseman married Heath Zundel. They have a fine fruit farm near Negley, O., and their children are

[1] Walter Zundel

[2] Rhoda Zundel

[3] Jane Zundel

[4] Jacob Zundel

[5] Clara Zundel

[6] John Zundel

4] Mary Houseman

5] Irene Houseman married Plummer Speers. They are farmers near Cooksville, Ill., and have children

- [1] Frances Speers married Rholan Peden
- [2] Glen Speers
- [3] Wilfred Speers
- [4] Winifred Speers

2 James Houseman, second son of Bela and Elizabeth Houseman, married Viney Faust. He was a carpenter and lived at Braddock, Pa. Their children were

- 1] Ella Houseman who married Walter Early and have
 - [1] Reda Early
 - [2] Bettie Early
 - [3] Phyllis Early

The Early family lives at Rankin, Pa.

- 2] May Houseman married William Holohan and they have
 - [1] William Holohan
 - [2] Elizabeth Holohan
 - [3] Walter Holohan
 - [4] Constance Holohan
- 3] Bela Houseman

All the descendants of James Houseman live at Rankin, Pa.

3 George Houseman (third child of Bela and Elizabeth Houseman).

4 Ella Houseman, a teacher until her death.

5 Frances Houseman

6 Hattie Houseman married Van Vorhis Brown, a farmer, near Marion, Kan. They had one son

1] Karl Brown, an accountant, at Carrick, Pa., married Margaret Fish and have

- [1] Karl Brown and
- [2] Paul Brown

It will be observed that nearly all of John Johnson Houseman's descendants remained in Pennsylvania.⁵⁷ Only the younger generations went further west, two daughters of Homer Houseman to Ohio and Illinois and a daughter of James Houseman to Kansas. It will also be observed that the descendents of John Johnson Houseman did not multiply into numbers to compare with those of Christopher Houseman, his older brother. We regret very much that we have been unable to obtain more dates in the John Johnson Houseman family and that the lack of personal incidents makes the chapter read too much like a genealogical table.

CHAPTER V

MARY HOUSEMAN AND JAMES McBRIDE

THE subject of this Chapter should really be the family of Sarah Houseman and William Essington. There are two Sarahs or Sallies of this period whose identities should not be confused. The first Christopher Houseman had one son, Jacob, who is named in his will, and to whom he leaves his land on condition that he pay to each of his daughters fifty dollars. "Each" might mean more than two, but we think it does not in this will. We know one of the sisters of Jacob Houseman was Mary Houseman who married Isaac Shepler. If we were to follow this family we should no doubt have another book equal in size to this one. We should also find the Houseman and Shepler families intermarrying again and again down to the present day.

The other sister of Jacob Houseman was Sarah. Whom she married we do not know. But Christopher Houseman in his will makes provision for his granddaughter, Sarah White. It is our belief that she was the daughter of Sarah Houseman, Jacob's other sister, and that her mother was not living at the date of Christopher's will. We believe, also, that Sarah White is the "Solly" or Sally referred to in Jacob's will. He speaks of "deducting Solly's account." (Our examination of Jacob's will in the original leads us to believe the name was intended for "Sally".) It is not likely that Jacob's daughter Sally, then married to William Essington, had an account against her father. Had there been one in the Essington family it would have been her husband, William's account.

We have carried on much correspondence to try to find some account of this William and Sarah Essington. The name is not uncommon today in many parts of the country. But every Essington to whom we have written disclaims any knowledge of a Sarah Houseman marrying into the family or else professes entire ignorance of his family history. Our researches have convinced us that the Essingtons first came to New Jersey from England. But we have to confess that we have been baffled in this search.

We have met with a little better success in our search for Mary Houseman and James McBride. Their early annals are fairly clear. But

after the Civil War the record grows dim, just when it should become plainer. The reason is that the McBrides at that time living in Mercer County, Ill., all moved from there except two of the children who were never married and left no heirs. We have a letter from an old resident of Mercer County, Ill., dated at Aledo, Ill., September 28, 1936, which we quote in part: "South of Aledo about four miles is a farm that the McBrides used to own. About three miles beyond that farm is a cemetery that was there before Aledo was a town. John McBride was a bachelor. There was one girl, Almeda, who never married. Mrs. Campbell, a member of the McBride family, died in Aledo. The above named persons are all, I believe, buried in the above named graveyard. I do not know whether James McBride died in Aledo and was buried there or not. They had other children, but when they grew up they moved West, where, I know not. There are none of the McBrides or their descendants living in this town or vicinity. I have been blind fifteen years, am almost 90 years old, and my daughter is writing this for me."

Signed W. H. HOLMES
(A Veteran of the Civil War)

Mary Houseman was the eldest child of Jacob Houseman by his wife, Elizabeth Hill. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., about 1800, and was married to James McBride about 1820. We are not sure whether their marriage occurred in Pennsylvania or in Ohio. But they lived in Muskingum County, O., at the time of their oldest child's birth in 1821.⁵⁸ It is our belief, supported by a dim recollection of a reminiscence of Johnson Houseman, that the McBrides came to Ohio soon after their marriage and lived in Muskingum County, less than a mile from his father's (Christopher's) farm a year or two before his father's death. From the same source⁵⁸ we fix the date of James McBride's death in 1847 and Mary Houseman McBride's death in 1879. The latter date is confirmed in a letter⁵⁹ by John H. McBride to his Aunt Catherine Newbold.

This same news clipping says the family first moved to Rock Island, Ill., then to Grove Township, Mercer County, where they owned a tract of 600 acres and that James McBride operated saw-mills, while the eldest son John did the farming. The children of the older McBrides are known to be

- i John Houseman McBride (b. April 8, 1821)
- ii Almeda McBride

iii James C. McBride

iv Elvira J. McBride married — Campbell.

v Sarah E. McBride (b. 1833) married — Marshall.

That the McBrides kept in more than casual touch with their Iowa relatives is proved by a letter.⁶⁰ It was written by Almeda McBride shortly after her return to Mercer County, Ill., from a visit with the Newbolds at Hillsboro, Iowa, and John Fordyce Houseman at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

As the above sources show, neither John Houseman McBride nor his sister Almeda ever married. As the letter of John Houseman McBride announcing his mother's death names Elvira ("Vide") as being busily engaged at work when her mother passed away, we know she was at home.

Sarah E. McBride (Marshall) in a letter dated December 10, 1904, at Keithsburg, Ill., says: "My Dear Cousin: My brother John and Sister Vidie are not very well but they are getting up in years—John will be 83 in April and I am twelve years younger." Sarah married a Doctor Marshall. They lived many years at Keithsburg, Ill., and we have record of a letter by Sarah dated there February 9, 1890, tendering her sympathy to her Aunt Catherine Newbold at the time of Barzillai Newbold's death.

In review of what has been said above we are justified, we believe, in the conclusion that only the three younger members of the McBride family were ever married. We have seen that Sarah married Doctor Marshall. Jacob Houseman, a younger bachelor brother of Mary McBride, made a will (q. v. Addenda) in 1865 which was probated in 1869 in which he left a bequest to "Jacob H. Campbell, son of Alvira Campbell," who was doubtless his namesake. We therefore conclude that Elvira McBride married a man named Campbell before 1865 and had at least one child, a son, Jacob H. We have been unable to find any trace of the Campbells in Illinois.

There remains only James C. McBride of the family. Whom he married, who his children were, we have not been able to learn. We learned there are two McBrides, brothers, in Plankinton, S. D., both employed as supervisors or contractors in PWA work at the present time. As the McBrides have been described as "rock-ribbed Democrats" we thought this might be a lead. Letters to these men, Walter McBride and William McBride, have elicited no response. They are either too busy with their PWA work or they are not of our Mc-

Brides, for the letters have not been returned unclaimed. Letters to McBrides at Idaho City, Idaho, and Wolsley, S. D., have been answered but it is positive the writers were of another clan of McBrides.

James C. McBride was the only descendant who could have handed down the name. We are compelled to admit defeat in our search. Had we twenty years more of life assured we might succeed in it. It seems a pity to give it up, for there are undoubtedly descendants of James C. McBride living somewhere in the West or Northwest, and probably still "rock-ribbed Democrats."

CHAPTER VI

JOSEPH HOUSEMAN AND POLLY STEVENS

JOSEPH HOUSEMAN was the fifth child of Jacob Houseman and the second by his wife Elizabeth Hill. He was one of the children referred to in his father's will (q. v.) to be "schooled off the place." His grave (See Picture Section) is in Olive Branch (Baptist) Cemetery and the inscription on the stone says he died in 1883 at the age of eighty-two. He spent most of his life as a farmer in Fayette County, Pa. He married Polly Stevens, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Westmoreland County. They had three sons and two daughters, descendants of the younger son, David Porter Houseman, far outnumbering those of any of the other children. They lived in the old stone house at the time of Joseph's death and his son, Nathaniel, lived there for some years afterward, probably at the time of his death in 1902. Nathaniel was the last occupant of the old stone house of the Housemans. Their children were:

i Jacob Houseman married Matilda Porter, a daughter of another old family of Westmoreland County. They had one child only,

1 Lulu Houseman married Griffith Stevens and they had

1} Ray Stevens married Martha Todd.

2} Martha Stevens married Roy Robertson.

All the above lived or now reside in Fayette County, Pa., except the Robertson family who live in Monongehela City, Pa.

ii Nathaniel Houseman (April 12, 1848-March 22, 1902) married Sallie Shepler. He was a farmer in Fayette County and they had three children, none of whom left issue:

1 Ella Houseman

2 Mary Houseman

3 Joseph Bela Houseman

As we have before noted Joseph Bela and Ella Houseman visited at the Johnson Houseman home in Ohio in the early 70's.

iii Hannah Houseman married Oliver Porter. They and all their descendants save one, were farmers in Westmoreland County. Their children were:

- 1 Jacob Porter
- 2 Judith Porter who married David McNutt and had
 - 1] William McNutt
 - 2] Olive McNutt married William Travis. She was a teacher before her marriage.
- 3 Elizabeth Porter married Frank Brumiller.
- 4 Ella Porter
- 5 Charles Porter
- 6 Samuel Porter married Levina Danielson and they have
 - 1] James Porter
 - 2 Warren Porter
 - 3] John Porter

iv David Porter Houseman married Lucinda Shepler. He was a farmer in Westmoreland County and his wife was from the Shepler family mentioned many times in this book. It would require the writing of a history of the Shepler family to trace all the alliances of the Housemans and Sheplers, as they have continued down to quite recent times. They continued in Ohio (See Gregory History). The children of David Porter and Lucinda Houseman were:

- 1 Irvin Houseman, a farmer, married Agnes Young. Their children were:

- 1] Mabel Houseman married Frank O'Hara, living at Belle Vernon and they have

- [1] William O' Hara
- [2] Anna O' Hara married Herbert Myers.
- [3] Frances O'Hara

- 2] Clyde Houseman, of Fairhope, Pa., married Tillie Beeler and have

- [1] Irvin Houseman
- [2] James Houseman
- [3] Warren Houseman
- [4] Virginia Houseman
- 3] Alva Houseman
- 2 Alva Porter Houseman
- 3 Mary Houseman married John Jones and their children were:
 - 1] Affa Jones married Samuel Heath and had
 - [1] Elizabeth Heath
 - [2] Helen Heath married William Tredwell.

[3] Pearl Heath married Harry Fleming. She was a teacher before her marriage.

2] Ecce Jones married Sarah Douglas and have

[1] Ruth Jones

[2] Margaret Jones

[3] Martha Jones

[4] Douglas Jones

[5] Robert Jones

3] Amma Jones married Levina Jones and their daughter is

[1] Hazel Jones

4 Martha Houseman married Taylor Baldwin. Their descendants all live in or near Belle Vernon, Pa. They are

1] Blanche Baldwin married Willis Hodgson and they have

[1] Irwin Hodgson

[2] Edna Hodgson

[3] Hazel Hodgson

[4] Lucinda Hodgson

2] Edith Baldwin married Frank Kyle.

3] Maude Baldwin married Elmer Finley and have

[1] Edith Finley married Chauncey Shives.

[2] Ruth Finley

[3] Willard Finley

4] Stella Baldwin married Titus Grant and have

[1] Enos Grant

[2] Titus Grant

[3] George Grant

5] Nellie Baldwin married William Grant.

6] Enos Baldwin

7] Irwin Baldwin

8] Porter Baldwin

9] Branton Baldwin

10] Grover Baldwin

11] William Baldwin

5 Joseph Bela Houseman married Kate Pflughardt. He was a farmer of Westmoreland County and they had

1] Daniel Houseman married Elizabeth Fenton, whose children are

[1] Clarence Houseman

[2] Charlotte Houseman

2] Lucinda Houseman

6 Margaret Houseman married David Edwards. They were farmers and had

1] Porter Edwards married Margaret Miller.

2] Maizie Edwards married Joseph Amato who lives in Belle Vernon, Pa. Their children are

[1] Joseph Amato

[2] Sarafino Amato

3] Bessie Edwards married Joseph Turney. They live at Fairhope, Pa., and have

[1] Dorothy Turney married Jay Bell and their child is

[1] Kenneth Bell

[2] David Turney

[3] Dolores Turney

[4] Bernice Turney

v Elizabeth Houseman married Bela B. Smith. He was a farmer of Westmoreland County. He was a son of Dr. Bela B. Smith, of whom we have had occasion to speak before, who was among the first settlers. Their children were:

1 Martha Smith

2 Bela Smith

3 Nancy Smith married Cyrus Fisher.

4 Elizabeth Smith married William Willson and had

1] Ray Willson married Irene Dickenson and their children are

[1] Robert Dickenson

[2] Ray Dickenson

[3] Carlson Dickenson

[4] William Dickenson

[5] Meriam Dickenson

6 Madeline Dickenson

2] Elizabeth Willson married George Patterson and they have

[1] John Patterson married Melissa Zundel.

[2] Esther Patterson

[3] Mary Patterson

3] Lois Willson married Harry Culbert.

5 Marie Smith married William Willson after her sister Elizabeth's death and had

1] Margaret Willson married James Russell.

2] Eleanor Willson married Louis Lynch.

6 Joseph Smith married Jane Rankin and they had a daughter and a son:

1] Fay Smith married Richard Forsythe.

[1] Catherine Forsythe

[2] Harold Forsythe

2] Bela Smith married Sarah Cook and they have four children:

[1] Violet Smith married Ainsley Hickerson.

[2] Joseph Smith

[3] Sarah Smith

[4] Mabel Smith

7 Grant Smith married Levina Household and they live on a fine farm in Rostraver Township. They have four children

1] James Smith, a farmer, married Thelma — and have

[1] Levina Smith

2] Jewett Smith, a farmer

3] Harry Smith, a lawyer, and

4] Elizabeth Smith married Howell Hill

8 Plummer Smith, a farmer, married Malazena Harbison. Their children are

1] Elizabeth Smith, a teacher

2] Martha Smith, a teacher

3] William Smith married Mary Boyd.

4] Helen Smith married Melvine McKenery and have

[1] Bernice McKenery married Paul Leeper and their children are

[1] Mary Leeper and

[2] Paul Leeper

[2] Dorothy McKenery married John Smith.

5] Hazel Smith married Henry Zundel and they have two sons,

[1] William Zundel and

[2] Robert Zundel

6] Fannie Smith

7] George Smith

We regret that we have no more personal information about the descendants of Joseph Houseman. In June, 1936, we met Grant Smith who was working on his farm and had a brief visit with him. All others of the Joseph Houseman family are strangers to us. They all live, we believe, in Pennsylvania, none having moved far from the old home.

CHAPTER VII

JACOB HOUSEMAN

THE Chapter that tells the story of Jacob Houseman is short, for he had neither wife nor child. His mother was Elizabeth Hill, Jacob Houseman's second wife, and he was a small boy when his father died. We do not know why Jacob was never married but it is easy to conjure up in imagination a story of unrequited love or the death of a boyhood sweetheart. His will gives us some ground for saying that he seemed to have a warm spot in his heart for his female relatives.⁶¹ It was made four years before his death which occurred in 1869. His gravestone in Rehoboth Cemetery (q. v. Picture Section) is unfortunately of soft white marble from which all lettering except the name has been eroded.

He is said to have been very religious, deeply devoted to the Church, and the fact that he left a bequest to Rehoboth Church in his will seems to prove his devotion.

Jacob's farm was in Fayette County and the will is on file at Uniontown, Pa. We gather from it that his nephew, Jacob B. Houseman, a son of his brother, Joseph Houseman, had lived on his farm with him, making a home for him, building a new house on the farm and adding other valuable improvements on his Uncle's farm at his own expense. As compensation Jacob left his farm to his Nephew, Jacob B. Houseman. But not without conditions. The conditions were that Jacob, the nephew, should pay a total of eleven hundred and fifty dollars in cash to sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces, besides the church bequest. Only three of the special bequests are made to males, and two of them are "namesakes," Jacobs.

Had all gone as Jacob intended when his will was made, everything would have gone smoothly. But he did not reckon with the death of one of his beneficiaries before his own death. He gave all his personal property to a little grandniece, Martha B. Houseman, daughter of Jacob B. Houseman, with whom he lived, and of whom he was doubtless very fond. Martha died a short time before her Uncle and either he did not comprehend that her death would raise a ques-

tion as to where his personal property should go, or else he was in too feeble health to be bothered about changing his will.

However that may be, the bequest to one who pre-deceased him caused trouble. His sisters, Mary McBride and Catherine Newbold, acting with legal advice, no doubt, contended that the personal property of his estate reverted to the estate and should be divided among his legal heirs. The Nephew, Jacob B. Houseman, claimed that as he had left it to his daughter and had said in the presence of witnesses after his Niece's death, that he wanted Jacob to have it, it should go to him.

Jacob B. Houseman, however, seems to have been reasonable about it, saying that he did not care so much about the property, but did want to avoid having it appraised and sold under court order. The good offices of Bela B. Smith, (the younger) who had married Jacob Houseman's Niece Elizabeth Houseman, were enlisted to try to compose the matter. The Bela B. Smiths meant so much to the Houseman family in every way. Bela B. Smith wrote a fine, sensible letter⁶² to Catherine Houseman Newbold and another to Mary Houseman McBride on behalf of Jacob B. Houseman. The letter is a model of clearness and the spirit of fair dealing. We have also seen a copy of a letter written by Evan Finley Houseman, co-executor of the will with Jacob B. Houseman, to the same sisters, explaining the circumstances and urging them to assign any rights they might have to the personal property, to Jacob B. Houseman. Both the above men say in their letters that competent legal opinion differed as to the status of the disputed property.

We do not know just how long the discussion was carried on, but there is no evidence that it, at any time, reached an acrimonious stage. The outcome was finally, that Jacob B. Houseman sold the disputed property at public sale and distributed the proceeds according to the law governing intestate estates. It is the one and only instance we have found in the Houseman family where any dispute occurred in the disposition of an estate.

But it should serve, even today, as an admonition to all of us who bear the Houselman lineage, that last wills and testaments should be kept up-to-date.

CHAPTER VIII

CATHERINE HOUSEMAN AND BARZILLAI NEWBOLD

CATHERINE HOUSEMAN (1810-1894) was the seventh and youngest child of Jacob Houseman. She was born in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., and died in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, Iowa. She married Barzillai Newbold (1805-1890) in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., on February 5, 1829, at the age of nineteen. Barzillai Newbold was of Quaker descent, a son of Barzillai Newbold, Sr., who was born near Burlington, N. J. After moving to Washington Township, Fayette County, Pa., he operated a grist mill there.⁶³

Following the marriage of Catherine and Barzillai they lived in Fayette County until 1839 when they moved to South Huntington Township, Westmoreland County, and in 1846 they returned to Fayette County. In 1854 they moved to Henry County, Iowa, by steamboat from Pittsburgh to Cairo, Ill., thence by river boat to Burlington, Iowa, and drove a wagon across country from Burlington to Henry County. After a year on a farm which is now a part of the town of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, they bought a farm in March, 1855, one mile west and one mile south of Hillsboro, in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, on which they lived the rest of their lives.

To them were born ten children, all but two of whom lived to maturity. Three sons served in the Union Army in the Civil War, and one was the ninth governor of the State of Iowa. Joshua Giddings Newbold, the eldest, had his middle name from a famous Pennsylvania statesman of that day. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., and died in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant. The descendants of Catherine Houseman and Barzillai Newbold are:

i Joshua Giddings Newbold (May 12, 1830-June 10, 1903) who married Rachael Farquhar. She was born in Fayette County, Pa., a daughter of Robert and Mary (Matson) Farquhar, and a descendant of Allen Farquhar (Quaker) who came from Pennsylvania to Maryland about

1790. She was a thrifty woman of considerable means from her own father and was able, during the early years of their marriage to render Joshua considerable financial aid in his early enterprises. He attended public school and an academy in Pennsylvania and was a school teacher and miller while he lived in that state. In Iowa he was first a farmer, then a merchant and for many years of his later life he was in public service of various kinds.

In 1861 Joshua G. Newbold, then a member of the merchant firm of Newbold and Houseman, left the store in charge of Jacob Houseman and raised a Company of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He became ill and his brother Joseph was commissioned its Captain on November 4, 1861. Recovering his health Joshua helped to raise the 25th Iowa Volunteer Infantry and in the fall of 1862 was commissioned its Captain. He served in all three years and on April 14, 1864, was discharged on account of disability. During the last two or three months of his service he was Judge Advocate, with headquarters at Woodville, Ala.

Three years after his discharge he sold his interest in the general store at Hillsboro and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1869 he was elected a Republican member of the 13th General Assembly of Iowa and was re-elected twice, serving three terms. He was Chairman of the School Committee in the 14th Assembly, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the 15th Assembly, and temporary Speaker during a deadlock in organizing the House. He was elected Lieutenant Governor October 12, 1875, and served until Governor Kirkwood was elected to the U. S. Senate, when he succeeded him as Governor, serving from February 1, 1877 to January, 1878, the remainder of Governor Kirkwood's unexpired term. He was elected again to the General Assembly and served a term during the 18th Assembly sessions. Having moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1877, he was elected Mayor for one year. He refused re-nomination but again, beginning in 1899, he served two terms of two years each.

From 1879 to his death he was frequently appointed by District Court judges as guardian and administrator and he was the executor of a great many estates. He was universally trusted and never betrayed a trust. Joshua G. Newbold's name is written in the history of Mt. Pleasant as her most distinguished citizen.

Joshua and his wife Rachael were members of the Free Will Baptist Church at Hillsboro, Iowa, which was founded by his Uncle,

Elder Joshua Newbold. In 1877, when they moved to Mt. Pleasant, they became members of the Presbyterian Church.

The children of Joshua and Rachel Newbold were:⁶⁴

1 Mary Allene Newbold (1851-1904 or 5) married Benjamin Frank Isamen on March 8, 1866. Their children:

1] Catherine "Kate" Isamen married — White and had

[1] Frank White

2] Joshua Isamen married Mary Salsbury and had

[1] Frances Isamen

[2] Emma Isamen

3] George Isamen married Carrie Moore and their son is

[1] Butler Isamen

4] Rachel Isamen married — Cole and have

[1] Harvey Cole

2 Alice C. Newbold (January 7, 1853-March 27, 1854)

3 Joseph A. Newbold (August 15, 1857-April 8, 1858)

4 Emma Irene Newbold (1859 or 60) married Butler Buchannan on July 10, 1879. Their children are:

1] Perry Buchannan married Jennie Smith and lived at North Platte, Neb., in 1906.

2] Frank Buchannan

3] Clark Buchannan

5 George G. Newbold (September 17, 1862-August 30, 1880) was a young man of great promise and still held dear in the memory of those who knew him.

ii Elizabeth Newbold married George Stephens of the Redstone, Fayette County, Pa., Stephens family. She was born February 7, 1832, had one child and developed measles soon after its birth. The child died in infancy and she contracted tuberculosis soon after her recovery from measles. She and her child were both buried on the lot of the elder Barzillai Newbold in City Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Her grandfather, Barzillai Newbold, gave her husband money to provide markers for the two graves, but years later discovered the graves had never been marked.

iii Mary Eliza "Lide" Newbold (May 22, 1834-February 2, 1920). In 1912, at the age of 78, her picture appears in a group of five, the then living children of Barzillai and Catherine Newbold (q. v. Picture Section). In 1906 (the date of publication of Henry County, Iowa, History) she was living at Warsaw, Ill., with her daughter, Carrie.

She married John L. Jordan (November 12, 1836-March 5, 1878) of the Pennsylvania Jordans, on August 11, 1858. Their children were:

1 Ellit Jordan (July 16, 1859-August 10, 1925) married (1) Alice Converse and (2) Mrs. Pontius, who is still living. By his first wife he had

- 1] Belle Jordan
- 2] Marshall Jordan

2 Belle Jordan (December 16, 1862-July 27, 1882) married Clark Lotherty and their daughter was

- 1] Alice Lotherty

3 Johnson Barzillai ("Zill") Jordan (April 15, 1866) married Belle Cochran on June 19, 1899. They live at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and had

- 1] Bert L. Jordan, deceased
- 2] Zella K. Jordan, a teacher, married — Flores.
- 3] Cyrus Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant
- 4] Inez Jordan, deceased

4 Martie M. Jordan (October 25, 1868-July 2, 1916) married Lester Baily. Both are deceased and are buried in California. Their children were:

- 1] Phyllis Baily
- 2] Paul Baily
- 3] Rena Baily

5 Joseph H. Jordan (January 9, 1871) married Sibyl Teter. Their children were:

- 1] Jonothan Jordan
- 2] William Jordan
- 3] Mary Jordan, deceased

6 Carrie Jordan (February 3, 1873) married Wm. H. Montgomery. Her husband is deceased and she lives in Sioux City, Iowa, with one of her daughters.

- 1] Harry Montgomery
- 2] Nina Montgomery
- 3] Mary Montgomery
- 4] Phillip Montgomery
- 5] Gertrude Montgomery

7 John R. "Jack" Jordan (October 2, 1875-November 23, 1930) married Margaret Avis and had

- 1] Thomas Jordan

2] William Jordan

iv Joseph Houseman Newbold (October 7, 1936-March, 1864) married Cyrene A. Carmean on August 19, 1858. The Probate Records of Henry County, Iowa, record that she "died intestate by April 14, 1873, and over two months' time was spent investigating the disappearance and probable death of Mrs. Cyrene A. Newbold."

She lived at Hillsboro at her husband's death and early in 1873 she and a neighbor woman went to St. Louis to take medical treatments and while there she disappeared. Barzillai and Catherine Newbold and the Carmean family employed detectives and carried on an extensive search and investigation, but no trace of her was ever found. The neighbor who was with her said she left her boarding house and was never seen or heard of again.

Joseph Houseman Newbold was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Civil War, commissioned Captain of Co. F, 14th I. V. I., November 14, 1861. Was captured at Shiloh, exchanged and commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel March 13, 1863. He was shot from his horse and killed at the Battle of Pleasant Hill, La., in March, 1864.⁶⁵ His children were:

1 Mary Alice Newbold (— April 15, 1866)

2 Joseph H. Newbold, named in Probate Court records as a minor under guardianship of grandfather Barzillai Newbold, who raised him and sent him to Iowa Wesleyan College. He inherited all his father's estate and sometime between 1888 and 1890 was married, to whom we do not know. He had two children:

1] Cecil Newbold (September 19, 1892)

2] Edwin Newbold married and has

[1] Son

[2] Daughter

v Sarah Newbold (September 11, 1838-September 16, 1838) was buried in Pennsylvania.

vi Jacob C. Newbold, (named for his uncle Jacob in Pennsylvania), (October 13, 1839-February 3, 1916) died at his daughter's home, Mrs. John S. Chism, in Wichita, Kan., and is buried at Argonia, Sumner County, Kan. He married (1) Sarah Ann Jordan and had

1 John Newbold married Ada Cook on February 5, 1861, and they had

1] Cecil Newbold, married

He married (2) Anne Carter on October 2, 1872, and had

1] Orpha Newbold, who married John S. Chism in Wichita, Kan.

2} Austin Newbold, who married and lives on the Pacific Coast and has one son and one daughter.

Jacob C. Newbold enlisted August 14, 1862, in 14th I. V. I., was accidentally wounded, disabled and discharged March 28, 1863.⁶⁶ He is mentioned in his Uncle Jacob's will (q. v. Addenda).

vii Cyrus M. Newbold (October 28, 1842-January 17, 1931) died of a heart attack in Fairfield, Iowa, in a part of their daughter's house where he and his wife spent their winters, he having built an addition for that purpose. He is buried in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, Iowa. He married Mary A. Allen (January 12, 1848-May 16, 1930) on March 9, 1869. She was born at Little Rock, Ill., and died in Jefferson County Hospital at Fairfield, Iowa, of pneumonia which developed after a fall in which she received a broken hip. She is buried at Hillsboro, Iowa. They celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary two months before she died.

Cyrus Newbold was a farmer, living on his father's farm in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, Iowa, until about 1911 when his wife suffered paralysis of her right arm. Thereafter until their deaths they lived with their son, Ellis, or with their daughter, Belle Edna Wright, in Fairfield, Iowa. He was a gentle, kind man, large boned, six feet tall, wore a long, white beard for many years. (See Picture Section.) He and his wife were members of Hillsboro Baptist Church. Their descendants:

1 Willis B. Newbold (January 6, 1870) married Emma Whitaker on May 23, 1900. He is Mayor of Keosauqua, Van Buren County, Iowa. They had

1} Joseph W. Newbold married Barbara Therme, of Chicago, Ill., and they live with her widowed mother in Keosauqua, Iowa.

2} Cyrus Newbold married Edna Jack, of Mt. Stirling, Iowa, in 1926. They live at Centerville, Iowa, and have four or five children, one named Mark A. Newbold.

3} An infant

4} Catherine Newbold, at home

5} Ruth Newbold, a teacher

6} Bud Newbold

2 Otis C. Newbold⁶⁷ (December 25, 1871) married Jessie Ruth Hixson on January 1, 1901. They live on a farm a half mile west of Hillsboro, Iowa, and have

1] Rolland Newbold (July 4, 1906) who married Lucille Thornton, live near Hillsboro and have

[1] Joan Newbold

3 Ellis B. Newbold (May 24, 1876) married Jessie Fremont Cleave on February 2, 1902. He is in real estate and insurance in Wellington, Kan. Is lame from a hip disease when a child and is short, fat and jolly, a departure from the standard physical build of the Newbolds. They have adopted

1] George Newbold

4 Belle Edna Newbold (August 17, 1878) married H. N. Wright (January 18, 1876-December 16, 1929) on June 15, 1904. She lives at Fairfield, Iowa. Their children

1] Eugene Wright married and lives in Fairfield, Iowa.

2] Mary Wright married and lives near or in Chicago.

5 George Eugene Newbold (July 28, 1882) married Mae Graves on October 22, 1903. They live on a farm almost opposite the old Barzillai and Catherine Newbold farm house. Their children

1] Mina Newbold (1904-March 15, 1930) married Roy Ridgeway. Their children.

[1] Leota Virginia Ridgeway (March 16, 1924)

[2] Treva Jean Ridgeway (October 29, 1927)

[3] Rex LeRoy Ridgeway (March 10, 1930)

The mother died soon after the birth of the third child.

2] Robert Newbold married Gertrude Hixson. Their children

[1] John Robert Newbold (May 10, 1931)

[2] Roger Lee Newbold (August 31, 1935)

viii Eledicia "Dice" Newbold (September 24, 1844-1925[?]) married William Hervey. They are both buried at Belle Plains, Kan. She, marrying a man whose name had "H" initial, received from her mother Catherine Houseman Newbold, the six solid silver teaspoons which she had brought from Pennsylvania. With them she received some fine pewter plates from her mother. In a tornado in Kansas, where she and her husband went as pioneers, these heirlooms were all lost. Their children were all born in Sumner County, Kan., and were

1 Archer Hervey

2 James Hervey

3 Katie Hervey

4 Rex Hervey had a daughter

1] Theta Hervey, who, with her mother, was living in Belle Plains, Kan., in 1926.

5 Edith Hervey

6 Hugh Hervey

7 Barzillai Hervey ("Zill") married — and with his wife and son

1] James Hervey, was living at Belle Plains, Kan., in 1926.

ix Zachary Taylor Newbold (March 20, 1847-July 26, 1849)

x William Johnson Newbold (October 13, 1851) lived at Wellington, Kan., (died 1925[?]). He married Catherine Harper on November 12, 1873, who is deceased. They had

1 Cora Newbold, living in Wichita, Kan.

2 Minnie Newbold married — Camp and has a daughter

1] Ruth Camp

3 Festus Newbold, has three children.

An anniversary dinner was held at the home of Cyrus M. Newbold and wife celebrating their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. At this dinner among other guests were present Eledicia "Dice" Newbold Hervey (68), Mary Eliza "Lide" Newbold Jordan (78), William Johnson Newbold (60), Jacob C. Newbold (72) and Cyrus M. Newbold (69). (See Picture Section.)

Catherine Houseman Newbold⁶⁸ said she lived in a big stone house during her girlhood in Pennsylvania; that she sang during the Methodist services held at her home before the church was built at Little Redstone. She had a good soprano voice. She was a great talker and "when anyone got the best of her she would change the subject and go right on talking." She was medium stout, had black hair which turned slowly gray with the years. Had "sick headaches" which her son Cyrus inherited from her until he was forty. (This seems to have been a Houseman affliction, John Gregory [Jr.], Mary Elizabeth Houseman [Frazier] and Catherine Houseman [Reasoner] all being sufferers in like manner to our knowledge).

Her children remember her wearing hoop skirts, knitting stockings, mittens and "pulse warmers," boiling soap outdoors in a large iron kettle, making apple butter in the same, making mince pies, piecing and sewing quilts. She pulled wool, washed, carded and spun it and had it woven into coverlets.

Among other things the Newbolds moved from Pennsylvania to Iowa were pewter plates, coverlets, quilts, four poster beds, loop back

chairs, split-bottom ladder-back chairs, a cherry drop-leaf table, a Bristol, Conn., wooden clock. In the late 50's after they moved to Iowa, Catherine picked up a switch that a neighbor had dropped near her front yard and stuck it into the ground. She watered it diligently and today it is a beautiful, towering silver poplar, shading the south half of the front yard of the old farm house.

The Housemans have always taken life seriously. They have recognized duty as a supreme obligation, and when it conflicted with personal desires duty has been served first.

We do not find a single criminal record in the family down to the youngest descendant. There are a few, less than a half dozen in all, cases of marital failure, in the entire family, evidenced by divorce. These we have omitted from this history, as we feel that without intimate knowledge of the circumstances it would be unfair to the parties concerned. We are not a divorce court judge.

Lord Moulton recently made what seems to us a remarkable analysis of character. He said, in brief, that there are three realms into which the conduct of modern civilized human beings fall: There is the realm of conduct prescribed by law, which no one can transgress if he wishes to be classed as a law abiding citizen. He has no choice but to obey the law, or be classed as a law breaker and meet the penalty. There is another realm of conduct in which there is no choice that involves moral character. It is open to all to do as they please without restraint and with no fear of encroaching upon the rights of others. In between these two realms of conduct, says Lord Moulton, lies another extensive one which he calls "obedience to the unenforceable." It includes the things that good citizens do or do not do, not because of legal compulsion, but because they have self respect. Their conduct is determined by purely ethical considerations, not by legal limits.

It seems fair to say for the Houseman family that they have almost without exception lived in the realm of "obedience to the unenforceable." It was this that impelled Johnson Houseman to break the law of the land by giving aid and comfort to runaway slaves. It was this that led James Spearman Houseman, even though he practiced deception, to run away from home to enlist in the Civil War. It was this that caused so many of the Housemans to enlist in the various wars of our country rather than wait to be drafted. "Obedience to the unenforceable"—obedience to the higher law, the leading

of conscience. It distinguishes men from beasts, and high principled men from knaves.

There is no shield and coat of arms of the Houseman family that we know of. But we think we could devise an appropriate one. It would be very simple. It would have in the center a lion as a symbol of the bravery that conquered new lands and was eager to risk life in defense of a country they loved. The shield would rest upon the Holy Bible which has been for many generations the rule and guide of the faith of the Housemans. For this would encompass and account for all the virtues of their character—honesty, forbearance, kindness, love of home and family, sobriety, industry—a constant striving to live up to the best they knew. This is the heritage of the Houseman descendants who live today. If there is any heritage more precious we do not know what it is.

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A ROLL OF HONOR

CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN, Revolutionary War, 1778-83.

JACOB HOUSEMAN, Revolutionary War, 1777-83.

JOHN JOHNSON HOUSEMAN, War of 1812, April 21, 1813-June 20, 1813. Wounded in action.

SAMUEL WESLEY FORDYCE, Civil War, Colonel, 1861-65.

JOHN G. GREGORY, Civil War, 15th O. V. I., 1861-65.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND GREGORY, Civil War, 15th O. V. I., 1861-65.

JOHN FORDYCE HOUSEMAN, Civil War, 4th I. V. C., 1864-65.

JACOB C. NEWBOLD, Civil War, 14th I. V. I., August 14, 1862-March 28, 1863.

JOSEPH HOUSEMAN NEWBOLD, Civil War, Lieutenant-Colonel Co. F., 14th I. V. I., November 14, 1861-March, 1864. Killed in action.

JOSHUA GIDDINGS NEWBOLD, Civil War, Captain 25th I. V. I., November 14, 1861-April 14, 1864.

CARL BROWN, World War. In training at Camp Meade at close of war.

ALBERT HOUSEMAN, World War, Co. A., 12th Machine Gun Battalion, 4th Division, May 28, 1918-August 6, 1919.

GEORGE WEBSTER HOUSEMAN, World War, 1917-19.

PAUL JEFFERSON HOUSEMAN, World War, Medical Corps.

CARL SIBERTS, World War. Died in France.

STUART VAN METER, World War, 329th Aero Squadron, November, 1917-December, 1918.

Who is the happy warrior?
Who is he that every man in arms should wish to be?
Whose powers shed round him in the common strife,
Or mild concerns of ordinary life,
A constant influence, a peculiar grace;
But who, if called upon to face
Some awful moment to which heaven has joined
Great issues, good or bad, for human kind,
Is happy as a lover and attired
With sudden brightness like a man inspired;
And through the heat of conflict keeps the law
In calmness, and sees what he foresaw.

William Wordsworth

NOTES ON ALLIED FAMILIES

In collecting data for this book considerable material has been found relating to allied families, which has not been included in the Houseman family history. Then, since the first chapters of the book were set in type, a few additional facts have been obtained on the early Housemans. Believing some of this data may be of some value to genealogists, it is included here.

Alexander, Sarah Ann, (1822-52) married William Frazier in 1845.⁶⁹

Their only child was John Alexander Frazier m. Mary Elizabeth Houseman. Her father was Thomas Alexander b. 1797 in Maryland m. 1821 Esther Miller (1793-1863). They had [1] Sarah Ann (1822-52) m. William Frazier; [2] Robert B. (1823-90) m. 1848 Mary Poland; [3] Hannah (1825-56); [4] John b. 1826 m. 1848 Elizabeth Round; [5] Joseph (1828-1914) m. 1852 Lydia Poland; [6] Samuel C. (1836-60) m. 1856 Phoebe Poland; [7] David W. (1832-50); [8] Isabella Y. (1835-85) m. 1857 John J. Elliott; [9] Catherine E. (1840) m. 1863 William F. Gorrell. Thomas Gorrell moved first to Harrison County, O., with his parents, and later to Meigs Township, Muskingum County, O., where most of his children were born.

Farquhar, Rachel, m. Joshua Giddings Newbold. A daughter of Robert and Mary (Matson) Farquhar (Quaker), who came from Maryland about 1790 to Washington Township, Fayette County, Pa. Robert and Mary Farquhar brought to Pennsylvania three married sons, William, Samuel, and Robert. The first two moved to Ohio. Robert, Jr., lived and died in Fayette County, Pa. He had three sons: Joseph, who died young, and Robert and William, who lived and died in Washington Township, Fayette County, Pa.

Fordyce, John Jr.,⁷⁰ (1808-82) m. Mary Anne Houseman (1817-89). Was a son of John Fordyce, Sr. (1775-1848) m. Elizabeth Gerard (1778-1838). John Fordyce, Sr., was a son of Samuel Fordyce (1734-1824), a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who m. Elizabeth Hodgins (1737-1814). Children of Samuel Fordyce and Elizabeth Hodgins were [1] Samuel, [2] Ruth m. — Hadley, [3] John m. Elizabeth Gerard, [4] James, [5] Catherine, [6] Mary, [7] William, [8] Elizabeth, [9] Abigail, [10] Abraham,

[11] Jacob. Children of John Fordyce, Sr., and Elizabeth Gerard were:

- [1] Rachel (1799) m. Thomas Bowen and moved to Illinois;
- [2] Justus (1801) m. Kate Higbie;
- [3] Samuel (1803) died young;
- [4] James Harvey (1804-1833) m. Nancy Bowers;
- [5] Colby (1807) m. Jane Bailey;
- [6] John (1808) m. (1) Ruth Gregg (1812-34) and m. (2) in 1837 Mary Anne Houseman (1817-99);
- [7] Abner (1810-85) m. (1) Eliza Murdock and m. (2) Margaret Murdock;
- [8] Hester (1812) m. James Evans and moved to Illinois;
- [9] Joseph (1814) m. Eleanor Ann Bailey;
- [10] Benson (1816-95) m. Maria Nichols.

Froman, Peter, Huguenot, had at least three children:

- 1 Paul m. Elizabeth Hite, dau. of wealthy Joist Hite, whose mansion still stands near Winchester, Va.
- 2 Mary m. Nicholas Reasoner, son of Garrett.
- 3 Regina m. Henry Speers, the first of the name in America.⁹⁸

Frazier, John Alexander,⁷¹ (1846-77) only son of William Frazier by Sarah Alexander (1822-52). William Frazier (1822-89), born in Coshocton County, O., only son of Thomas Frazier and Lucy Babcock. Thomas Frazier was a son of William Frazier and — Green, and came to Coshocton County, O., from Virginia. William Frazier, Jr., was a millright and ran a saw mill and grist mill four miles west of Cumberland, Guernsey County, O., in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. He married (2) Mary Jones, of Sonora, O., and their children were: Mary Ann, William, Sered, Esther, Ross, Minerva, Lavina, Lynn, and Maurice.

Fulton, Abraham, came from Ireland bringing two sons, Abram and Henry. Henry was married four times, having children by each wife, fourteen in all.

Henry Fulton m. (1) Rebecca Jack and they had [1] Abram, [2] John, [3] Jane who m. (1) Dr. Isett and (2) — Nichols.

He m. (2) Elizabeth Taylor and had [1] Elizabeth, [2] Rebecca who m. Wm. J. Power and they had several children, among whom were Henry Fulton Power and William Power, both of whom were elders in Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church.

He m. (3) Mary Chapin and had three children by her. They were

[1] Rev. James P. who m. Fannie Shouse and they had 1] Rev. Wm. S. and 2] Henry C., M.D.

[2] Margaret m. James Means and their children were 1] Rev. Henry Fulton and 2] Nathan, an attorney in Pittsburgh, Pa.

[3] Hannah m. James Munson and they had 1] Mary, 2] Elizabeth, 3] Isaac Fulton, 4] Jennie.

He m. (4) Elizabeth Plummer Smith, widow of Amzi Smith, and they had

[1] Sarah m. Rev. J. H. Stevenson who had 1] Judith, 2] Mary and 3] Sallie.

[2] Nancy m. Rev. R. I. Price and had a daughter Bessie.

[3] George P. who was a teacher of considerable prominence.

[4] Almira m. Rev. E. P. Lewis.

[5] Rev. Robert H. m. Anna Houseman. He was pastor for many years of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.⁸⁴

Gregory, Samuel,⁷² m. Elizabeth Houseman. He was a son of Noble Gregory and Sarah Spencer (1785-1883). Married in 1805. He was a weaver in Ireland and Sarah Spencer always said she was born in "Jersey" (Isle of Jersey[?]). Noble Gregory was one of the first to "enter" government land in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County, O. Their children were [1] Mary (1806); [2] John (1809); [3] Samuel (1811) m. Elizabeth Houseman; [4] Nancy (1816) m. Johnson Houseman; [5] Rebecca (1813) m. Stephen Waller; [6] Ailie (1824) m. William Clark; [7] Elizabeth (1823) m. William Safford; [8] Martha (1827) m. Philip Fischel; Sallie (1819); Charlotte (1821) m. John Tullis.

Hill, Elizabeth, mother of Catherine Houseman Newbold, was second wife of Jacob Houseman. After his death she m. Nathaniel Stevens and had one son, Joshua Stevens, who d. March 5, 1883, aged sixty. He is buried in Little Redstone M. E. Church Cemetery beside his wife, Amanda, and his father and mother, Elizabeth Hill, (b. March 16, 1777, d. February 28) in her 81st year. Nathaniel Stevens (May 13, 1782-May 18, 1869).⁷³

Hill, Joseph, first actual settler of Rostraver Township, came from Winchester (now Westminster) Carrol County, Md., in 1754. He was eighteen years old and settled one mile northwest of Rehoboth Church on lands now owned by Fishers, Finleys, Frees, Brownsellers and others. His father, also named Joseph, served seven years in the Revolutionary War and after the war settled in

the same township with his son. Before the war the Housemans, Sheplers, three brothers named Peter, Mathias, and Philip, came from near Winchester, Md., and settled in Rostraver Township. Mathias Shepler married a daughter of Joseph Hill, first settler, and had John, Philip, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Mary, Margaret, and Catherine. Of these Isaac and Jacob remained in the township. Isaac m. Mary Houseman and was the father of the venerable Jos. Shepler of that Township.⁷⁴

Hill, Joseph, Sr., father of Elizabeth Hill, of Rostraver Township, left a will dated August 17, 1807, admitted to probate September 26, 1807. Children [1] Joseph (land adjoining Stephen Hill, Sr., and Michael Finley); [2] Mary (Reasoner); [3] Elizabeth (Houseman); and [4] Sarah (Shepler). Witnesses Stephen Hill and John Geyer.⁷⁵

Hill, Joseph, Sr., will dated August 1, 1792, admitted to probate July 3, 1797. Wife Elizabeth. Sons Stephen Hill, Joseph Hill, and Casper Geyer. Executor John Wright. Witnesses Peter Shepler and one James Lane.⁷⁶

Hill, Joseph I, II and III. The first Joseph came from Germany with the name Eichelberg (Acorn Mountain) which was shortened to Hill. He is supposed to have run away from Germany, first to Westminster, Carroll County, Md., then to Western Pennsylvania, in 1754. Was a wagon driver with Braddock and after his defeat hid from the Indians. He was a soldier of the Revolution, m. Elizabeth Shelly and had chn. Joseph, Mary and Stephen. His son Joseph II m. Mary Conrad, was a soldier of the Revolution and a member of the ill fated Sandusky expedition. They had chn. Joseph III, Mary, Elizabeth m. Jacob Houseman, Sarah m. Isaac Shepler and Stephen m. Sarah Reasoner, who was a sister of Benjamin Reasoner who m. Mary Hill. (Isaac Shepler, named above, was a son of Mathias and Margaret Houseman.) Stephen and Sarah Hill moved to Muskingum County, O., in 1815, purchased a farm on the eastern edge of Norwich from his brother-in-law Henry Reasoner. They afterward moved to Union Township, same county, and in 1846 to Iowa, near Agency. They had seven children. Mary Hill (1857-1901) m. Casper Geyer, buried on farm of her son Daniel Geyer in Muskingum County.⁹⁶

Houseman, John, (later information). Transcript of property, Tax Returns of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, 1783: 50

A. land, 1 horse, 1 cattle, 1 sheep. Age between 73 and 81.⁷⁷

Return for State Tax 1786, 7 pence; age 76 to 84 years.⁷⁸

Houseman, Mary. Widow; 1 free male past 16, 1 free male under 16, 2 females white, free over 16.⁷⁹

Houseman, Peter. Westmoreland County Militia, 1790-1800. Pay Roll of Capt. Joshua Budd's Co., under command of Major John Christy at Mudd's Sta. Private, \$6 per mo. Paid \$13.00 from August 13, 1794 to October 9, 1794.⁸⁰

Houseman, Christopher. Census 1790: 58 yr. old. Had 1 male past 16, 1 male under 16, 2 females.

6th Class, 44th Battalion, Westmoreland County Militia Christopher Houseman.⁸¹

Had in 1783 150 A., 2 horses, 5 cattle, 6 sheep; 9 white habitants in family. 51 yr. old.⁸²

Houseman, Jacob. Westmoreland County Militia, Capt. Joshua Budd's Co., under Major John Christy at Budd's Sta.; pay from August 5, 1784, to October 9, 1784, Corporal, pay \$7.00 per mo. Paid \$15.17. Age 40.⁸³

Muster Roll and Pay Roll of Budd's Company (in part).⁸⁴

Joshua Budd, Capt. \$54.17

Wm. Johnston, Lieut. \$43.33

Jacob Houseman, Corp. \$15.17

John Reasoner, Private \$13.00

Peter Houseman, Private \$13.00

John Johnston \$13.00

Houseman, Peter. (Militia above mentioned).

The above Militia service was occasioned by the "Whiskey Rebellion."

Johnson, Thomas (Penn. German Soc. XXII, p. 189), farmer of Western Prince George County, Md. "A Johnstone" appears on a map made by George Washington, which adjoined Nicholas Reasoner farm on the south. The Abraham Johnston farm is near by. It is on tax list of 1774, also census of 1790. On this farm is the old Johnson burying ground. In this is stone of William Johnson (d. 1801 age 29 years) and his wife Catherine (d. 1841). Another for Okey Johnson (1786-1848) and wife Nancy (d. 1854).¹⁰⁰

Johnson Militia Records.¹⁰¹

James Johnson April 4, 1791, June 8, 1791, paid \$6.45.

Samuel Johnston June 14, 1791, July 29, 1791, paid \$33.00.

Alexander Johnston

Jas. Johnston

William Johnston, Lieut., Capt. Joshua Budd's Co., under Major John Christy, paid \$43.33.

John Johnston, paid \$13.00.

Jacob Johnston¹⁰⁰

John Johnston, Ranger on the frontier (1778-83).

Johnston Tax Records.¹⁰²

Andrew Johnston, 200 acres, no white inhabitants, no black inhabitants.

Richard Johnston, 200 acres, 3 horses, 6 cows, 6 sheep, 6 white inhabitants, 1 black.

James Johnston, no acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, 2 sheep, 5 white inhabitants.

Peter Johnston, 100 acres, 1 horse, 2 cows, no sheep, 2 white inhabitants.

Jonathan Johnston, 300 acres, 3 horses, 5 cows, 5 sheep, 8 white inhabitants, 4 black.

Ledman, Alice, daughter of James Ledman (1808-1887) and Mary Craig. James Ledman m. (1) Amassa Cassidy in 1830. They had [1] John Neal (1835-1903) m. Mary La Follett in Wisconsin; [2] William Henry (1833-1926) m. Harriett Moore; [3] Sarah Jane (1831-1903) m. William Reynolds; [4] Benoni (1835-64) killed at Lookout Mountain; [5] Charlotte (1841 —) m. William Wakefield; [6] Frederick (1844-1924); [7] Mary (1847-63); [8] Martha (1849-1908) m. Andrew Neeland. Every son by this marriage served in the Civil War. James Ledman was a son of Henry and Charlotte Chidester of Washington County, Pa., and Henry was a son of Valentine Ledman. Valentine's children were John, Peter, Henry, Nancy, and Margaret. Henry Ledman and Charlotte Chidester's children were Valentine (1803 —), Rebekah, James, Mary, Sarah, and Charlotte. James Ledman m. (2) Mary Jane Craig and had James Bascom, Alice, Edward Craig, and Charles Wilbur.⁸⁵

Null, Col. Willard F., had a son Henry Harrison b. February 6, 1815, m. Ellen Dorn. She was a daughter of Philip Dorn and Margaret Gerhart and they had Marietta Null, who m. (1) Andrew Yont and (2) John Johnson Houseman.⁸⁶

Reasoner, Peter, had six sons. He and four of his sons, John, Solomon,

Benjamin, and William, settled in Guernsey County, O., among the first settlers. The Reasoners living in Guernsey County run as follows:

Peter, son John, his son Benjamin, his son Thomas H. m. Nancy Lynn, their son Lynn Samuel m. Catherine Newbold Houseman, their son Jay Albert m. Bessie Ling, and had a daughter Carmen.⁸⁷

Reasoner, Garrett, a Huguenot, had three sons, born in Germany, came to America 1715-20, settled in Ulster or Dutchess County. Son Nicholas left the German colony and possibly lived in Bucks County a few years, then on to Prince George County, Md. He m. Mary Froman, dau. of Peter Froman and d. 1722. Peter, eldest son, m. Mary Speers dau. of Henry and Regina (Froman) Speers about 1763. In 1805 they moved to Muskingum County, O., where their son John also moved same year. They are buried in the old Reasoner burying ground on a knoll overlooking Crooked Creek. Peter served in the Rev. War, both from Westmoreland County and Washington County.

Children of Peter and Mary Reasoner, all b. in Westmoreland County, were:

- 1 Nicholas (1764-1847) m. 1797 (1) Mary Stout and (2) Polly Smock. Had four children by first and two by last marriage.
- 2 Jacob m. and had at least one child.
- 3 Benjamin (April 27, 1770-January 23, 1844) m. 1794 Mary Hill had fifteen children.
- 4 Henry (February 23, 1772-September 30, 1836) m. February 25, 1795, Mary Shepler (August 20, 1778-September 18, 1855) both buried in Canaan Township, Morrow County, O. They had eleven children.
- 5 John (February 26, 1774-January 15, 1850) m. Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson Thompson (January 22, 1777-March 11, 1859) had eleven children, and both buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, New Concord, O. (Lynn Samuel Reasoner was a descendant.)
- 6 Solomon m. Elizabeth Smock and had eight children.
- 7 Rachael Reasoner m. William Roberts and had children.
- 8 Susan Reasoner m. Joseph Dean and had children.
- 9 Sarah Reasoner (May, 1776-September, 1852) m. Stephen Hill (d. September, 1853); they are buried at Agency, Iowa. They had six children.
- 10 Nancy

Solomon (1779-1854) m. Elizabeth Smock. He was engaged to Sarah Hill but while he was in Ohio clearing his new land she m. Isaac Shepler. Elizabeth is believed to have been a sister of Mary Smock who was the second wife of Nicholas Reasoner, eldest son of Peter and Mary.⁸⁷

Shepler, Mathias,⁸⁸ with two brothers, Peter and Philip, moved from Virginia before the Revolutionary War and settled in Rostraver Township. Mathias m. Margaret Houseman (b. 1754) and they had children, John, Philip, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Mary, Margaret, and Catherine. Isaac m. Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Mary Hill, and their children were Joseph, (d. 1881); Bela Wright; I. Hill; Frances, wife of Samuel Blackburn; Mary, wife of Jas. Wright; and her children were Frances, Homer, Elizabeth, John, and Anson; Samuel (b. July 13, 1814) m. (1) Eratine Steele and they had John Walker, Mary E., Olin J., Dr. Joseph Taylor, Samuel W., and Eveline; Samuel m. (2) Elizabeth Couldun and they had Irvin S. and Anna C.; Margaret died age 18; Elizabeth m. Davis Shepler and they had Lewis, Sarah, Ellen, Margaret, Jane, Samuel, Lewis M., Sarah E. m. John Stevens and they had Eltess C., Margaret, Elizabeth, Levi, Fitch, "Doc", and Ada. Isaac Shepler d. December 10, 1837, and his wife d. July, 1869, and both are buried at Fells M. E. Church Cemetery. Their children were: [1] Sarah (January 7, 1830) m. William Jones and their children were Ella Jane, Joseph, Samuel; [2] Violet May (August 20, 1833) m. Capt. Coulson and had Joseph S., Margaret E., and Alfred Kerr; [3] John B. (February 18, 1835) m. Josephine Claywell of Jo Daviess County, Ill., and had Shedrach and David Richey; [4] Isaac Hill (March 20, 1840) m. Eveline, daughter of Samuel Shepler, and they had James Kerr, Mary Blackburn, and William James.

The following names are copied from tombstones at Fells M. E. Church in Westmoreland County:

Jos. P. Hall (February 6, 1812-December 30, 1876); Maria C. wife of Joseph Hall (1819-86).

Isaac Shepler (December 10, 1837) aged 54 years, 8 months, 8 days.

Sarah, wife of Isaac Shepler (October 17, 1789-July 17, 1870).

Margaret, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Shepler. Age 18.

Jacob Shepler (May 16, 1833, aged 45 years).

Mary, wife of Philip Shepler, died April 11, 1857, in the 92nd year of her life.

Philip Shepler died May 22, 1829, aged 88 years.

Isaac H. Shepler died November 1, 1876, aged 31 years.

Hannah, wife of Isaac Shepler, died June 16, 1870, aged 55 years.

Lewis Shepler (October 7, 1809-November 21, 1881).

Sarah, wife of Philip Shepler, died April 13, 1870, aged 30 years, 10 months, 5 days.

Edna A. Shepler, wife of Philip Shepler, died May 15, 1885, aged 41 years.

Mary Bell Shepler, died February 23, 1863.

Samuel Shepler, died November 23, 1875, aged 80 years.

Mary, wife of Samuel Shepler, died May 13, 1884, aged 88 years.

Louise J. Shepler (184?-1911).

Jos. Taylor Shepler, M.D., b. March 20, 1847, graduate of Bellevue Hospital in 1874, surgeon for Pennsylvania R. R., m. on November 18, 1875, to Ruth A. Thompson, daughter of Jasper M. Thompson, who was President of the First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa.⁸⁹

Robert I. Shepler, son of Jacob Shepler and Mary Stewart, b. Westmoreland County, Pa., June 30, 1833, has six children: Joseph W., Hannah O., Rachel wife of J. W. Harris, Margaret, Lucinda m. Porter Houseman, and Robert.⁹⁰

Shepler, Mary (August 20, 1776-September 18, 1853) m. February 20, 1796, Henry Reasoner. Children

1 Rebecca, m. — Smith.

2 Mary (1799) m. — James Goligher.

3 Peter Shepler (1801) m. (1) Elizabeth Hammond, (2) — Camp.

4 Solomon (1803) died young.

5 Dr. Jacob Hill (1807-1844)

6 Katherine (1809) m. Samuel Wylie.

7 Elsie (1811) m. 1834 Daniel Hammond, Jr., her first cousin.

8 Elizabeth (1813) m. 1832 Jacob Hammond, son of Daniel Hammond, Sr.

9 Daniel (1815-1890) m. Sarah Boyle.

10 Henry Speers (d. 1835) m. Joanna Burdine.

11 Mary R.⁹⁹

Shepler, Mathias, abstract of will, written August 13, 1821, recorded April 23, 1823. Executors Isaac and Jacob Shepler, witnesses Robert

Bermingham and John Scott. Gives land, livestock and farm implements to son Jacob on conditions he pay funeral expenses and all other bequests. He is also to provide for his mother while she lives and if he fails to do so or she chooses to live with any other of her children Jacob shall pay her board and living expenses.

Gives his house and all furniture therein to his wife Margaret while she lives.

Gives following children each one dollar: John's heirs, Margaret, Philip and Abraham.

Gives two hundred and fifty dollars each to Mary, Catherine and Isaac. From Mary's bequest is to be deducted, "she giving credit out of it on a receipt for nearly twenty-four pounds I paid to her in the State of Ohio."

Gives a feather bed and "some furniture" to granddaughter, Mary Shepler.

(Names throughout this will are spelled "Shipler".)⁹⁵

Speers, Henry b. Germany and settled in Rostraver Township with his wife Regina in 1771 or 1772. They had three sons and one daughter. [1] Jacob emigrated to Kentucky and founded a family of that name there; [2] Solomon was killed by Indians on Salt River, Ky., and left no issue.

[3] Noah, founder of the town of Belle Vernon, m. a daughter of Abraham Frye, Sr., who died May 12, 1845. Their children were
1] Jacob m. dau. of Major John Power.

2] Solomon

3] Louis M. (July 26, 1810-September 15, 1883) m. (1) Jane Finley, a granddaughter of Rev. Jas. Finley, first pastor of Rehoboth Church, who d. March 13, 1850. They had

[1 William F., Lieut. Col. Civil War (September 3, 1835-September 15, 1893) m. Mary Power, a dau. of James S. Power. They had Captain L. M. Speers, Harry Speers.

[2 Noah Q. m. dau. of Aaron Baugher.

[3 J. R. Hughes

[4 Edward

[5 Mary m. Rev. I. S. Park.

[6 Margaretta m. Solomon S. Speers

[7 Celia m. Rev. A. B. Porter.

Louis M. Speers m. (2) Fannie Stewart and they moved to

Wooster, O., in 1878, where he died. Their children

[1 David S.

[2 Calhoun

[3 John S. V.

[4] Henry (July 8, 1756-January 26, 1840) m. Rebecca Frye, dau. of Abraham Frye, Sr., who. d. July 16, 1835. They had thirteen children. Two sons were soldiers in the War of 1812 and one Samuel was crippled in the war for life. One dau. m. Geo. Hill, one dau. m. William Ward, Katie m. John McCrory.

Apollos, the youngest son, m. Elizabeth Cooper and they had five sons and six daughters. The sons were Solomon, Noah, Jasper (d. January 8, 1859), Jacob, Henry. Of the six daughters Margaret m. Enoch Baker, Nancy m. Samuel Frey, Mary m. B. W. Johnson, Clara m. James Walker.

Plummer Speers, who m. Irene Houseman, is of this connection, but we have not placed his descent definitely.⁹³

Speers, Henry (1725-1773) m. Regina Froman dau. of Peter. He was a soldier of the Rev. War. Their children were:

1 Mary (b. about 1747) m. Peter Reasoner (b. about 1745).

2 Joseph

3 Elizabeth m. Keighendall, (later spelled Kuykendall).

4 Christina m. Samuel Frey and their dau. Rebecca (b. Dec. 5, 1768) m. Henry Shepler.

5 Henry m. Rebecca Frey, dau. of Abraham Frey, Sr.

6 Jacan had issue in Kentucky.

7 Solomon, killed by Indians in Kentucky.

8 Rebecca m. Benjamin Frey, son of Abraham Frey, Sr.

9 Noah m. Nancy Frey, dau. of Abraham Frey, Sr. He laid out the town of Belle Vernon, Pa.¹⁰³

Smith, Bela b. 1762 in Connecticut, came to Westmoreland County, Pa., between 1785 and 1789, d. October 17, 1841. Studied medicine in New England and taught school when he first came to Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Patterson, d. May 23, 1844. Their children were [1] Ebenezer, [2] Amanda d. September 16, 1819, [3] Alvira d. September 12, 1832, m. John Nichols; [4] Elizabeth d. May 27, 1834, m. John Johnson Houseman; [5] Samuel Stanhope d. January 29, 1859; [6] Talitha Cumi d. April 13, 1846; [7] Polly d. March 20, 1859, m. Hugh Wright; [8] Bela B. d. April 27, 1859, m. Nancy Plummer and had:

Elizabeth m. James Todd.

Margaret L. m. J. Westley Douglas.

Bela B. m. Elizabeth Houseman.

[9] Ami Ruhami d. October 27, 1783 m. (1) Miss Clarke d. October 27, 1854, whose children were John, Elizabeth, Ross, Sarah Ann and Margaret.

He married (2) Mary Jane Power, whose daughter had the same name.

He married (3) Mary Beezel, whose daughter Elizabeth d. August 12, 1884.

[10] Michajah P. d. May 14, 1884, m. (1) Maria Markle d. January 17, 1851, and they had Harmar D., Ebenezer, Amzi, Markle, Elizabeth m. John Krepp, Amanda, Alice m. Harry Markle. He married (2) Mrs. Brown, of Jamestown, N. Y., and their children were

Hattie E. d. October 14, 18(?).

Eva m. — Fay.

[11] Amzi d. January 7, 1831, m. Elizabeth Plummer and they had Polly d. July 29, 1848, m. James H. Van Voorhis.

Amanda d. March, 1859, m. John C. Carr.

Margaret L. m. J. Crawford Cook.

Elizabeth (Betsy) m. J. S. Van Voorhis, M.D.⁹²

Spearman, Susanna R.,⁹¹ (January 17, 1827-1897) daughter of James and Cynthia Ann Spearman, was born in Kentucky. Her father was a Pennsylvania German who moved first to Kent, O., then to Illinois, then to Iowa. Her four brothers, Major Cornelius Spearman, Captain John Spearman, Capt. Jas. Spearman, and Lieut. Thomas Spearman, all served in the Civil War. The latter's wife, Hattie, was an artist of local fame in Iowa. Of her sisters, Cynthia m. — Holland. She died November 18, 1867. Their children were Mrs. Sexton, Mrs. Albertson, and Mrs. Mary McPherson.

Elizabeth (b. 1838) m. — Campbell.

Lucretia had daughters, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Gass, Mrs. Carris. Mrs. Forbes' daughter, Mrs. W. L. Munger, had a son, a dentist in Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Carris' children, Nina d. November 19, 1885, Myron (1858-1928), and Levina b. 1861.

Stevens. Inscriptions on stones at Star Junction M. E. Church Cemetery:

Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel Stephens b. March 16, 1777, d. Febru-

ary 28, in the 81st year of her life.

Nathaniel Stepens, b. May 13, 1782, d. May 18, 1869; aged 87 years and 5 days.

Joshua Stevens, d. March 5, 1883, aged 60 years.

Amanda Stevens, his wife, d. 1908.

(Elizabeth Stevens was the second wife of Jacob Houseman)

Alexander Family. (Additional information from "The New and Old Monongahela." Elias Alexander (1680-1780) was father of Isaac Alexander (b. December 16, 1716). His son was Joseph Alexander (July 9, 1765-June 9, 1847) buried in Ohio. He emigrated to Barnesville, O., about 1800 with his son Joseph (April 1, 1795-June 20, 1871). The elder Joseph died in Ohio and the younger in Monongahela City, Pa. Joseph, Jr., was one of a large family, James, (d. 1860 at Port Gibson, La.,) Hannah, m. Benjamin Thomas, of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pa. The children of Benjamin Thomas and Hannah Alexander were Elijah, Rosa Ann, Mary, Joseph B., Thomas, Hudson, Harriett, Westly Ford, Van R. and James. Rosa Ann m. Jas. Davidson and died in Belle Vernon August 20, 1887. Mary m. Samuel Jones, Harriett m. Wm. Bealer, James m. a Miss Winters, served in the Civil War and died soon after. Joseph died in Evansville, Ind. Elijah lived in Iowa. Van R. was a soldier in the Civil War. Westly Ford lived in San Francisco, Cal.

Rose Alexander, sister of Joseph, Jr., m. John Mosely. Joseph, Jr., m. Mary Jones March 18, 1819, who d. August 5, 1856. They moved to a farm later owned by David Porter Houseman.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

The reader is doubtless curious about the name Margaret Houseman, who married Mathias Shepler. The author has been even more curious, but is unable to place her with certainty. It would seem that she was a daughter of John Houseman, a sister of the first Christopher, but for one fact; viz: the supposed year of her birth was 1754 and this would make her twenty-two years younger than her brother, Christopher, if he was her brother. While this is not impossible, it is somewhat improbable. Deeds, wills and other public records of Westmoreland and Fayette Counties do not indicate that there was any other family of Housemans in western Pennsylvania before the Revolution. If we were able to prove that the first John Houseman had children

by two marriages the problem would seem to be solved. We have referred in these notes to one Mary Houseman, a widow, listed in the first U. S. Census (1890). She might have been John Houseman's widow, married when he was well up in years, and Margaret might have been her daughter. This same Census lists one free male over sixteen in Mary Houseman, widow's, household. Was Peter, a member of the Militia, a sister of Margaret Houseman Shepler? We suggest the above without an opinion.

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- ⁵⁹ Letter from John Houseman McBride to Catherine Houseman Newbold, (Addenda).
- ⁶⁰ Letter from Almeda McBride to Catherine Houseman Newbold, (Addenda).
- ⁶¹ Will of Jacob Houseman (Addenda).
- ⁶² Letter of Bela B. Smith to Catherine Houseman Newbold, (Addenda).
- ⁶³ Additional Notes (Addenda).
- ⁶⁴ All dates copied from large grey granite monument, Forest Home Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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- ⁸⁴ Ledman Family Records.
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ERRORS

Page 17, line 9, "born 1755."

Page 40, line 10, omit first "and."

Picture Section, Newbold, spell "Hervey."

ADDENDA

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Lists A: Captain's lists.

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Lists C: signers of the oath of abjuration.

Palatinate: Rhine and adjacent places.

("The Palatinate," an electorate of the old German Empire, including
part of Bavaria [the Upper Palatinate]) and the territory now di-
vided among Bavaria, Baden, Hesse, and Prussia [the Lower or
Rhine Palatinate]).

CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN'S PATENT

D. B. 214, p. 145, Recorded September 17, 1892.

Patent

Com. of Penna.

The Supreme Executive Council of the

To

Commonwealth of Pa.

Christ Houseman

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting:

Know ye that in consideration of the monies paid by Christopher Houseman into the Receiver General's Office of the Commonwealth at the granting of the Warrant hereinafter mentioned and of the sum of ten pounds and nine pence lawful money now paid by him into the same office there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said Christopher Houseman a certain tract of land called St. Kitts, situate in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County:

Beginning at a post, thence by John Houseman land South sixty-two degrees, West one hundred forty-one perches to a post by a White Oak, and South fifty-three degrees West fifty perches to a post by a black oak, thence by land of one Kelly or John Ryan North thirty-two degrees, West forty-three perches to an ash tree, North fifty degrees, West seventeen perches and two-tenths to an Hickory, and North forty degrees, West thirty-seven perches to a Hickory, thence by John Ryan land North forty degrees, East one hundred ninety-five perches to a post, thence by land of William Morgan, South thirty degrees East fifty-nine perches to a sugar tree, South forty-four degrees, East thirty-four perches and four-tenths to a white oak, South fifty degrees, East twenty-six perches and two-tenths to a white oak and South thirty-seven degrees East forty-six perches to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and forty acres and allowance of six per cent for roads, etc. With the appurtenances which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant granted to the said Christopher Houseman, dated the 17th day of December, 1784, to have and to hold said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances unto the said Christopher Houseman and his heirs to the use of him, the said Christopher Houseman, his heirs and assigns forever, free and clear of all restrictions and reservations as to mines, royalties, quit rents or otherwise excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver ore for the use of the Commonwealth to be delivered at the pitt mouth clear of all charges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Honorable Peter Muhlenberg, Esq., Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the State Seal to be hereto affixed in Council the twenty-third of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven and of the Commonwealth the twelfth.

P. Muhlenberg
(Seal of State of Pa.)

Attest:

Chas. Biddle, Sect.

Enrolled in the Rolls Office of the State of Pennsylvania in Patent Book No. 11, page 404.

Witness my hand and seal of office the 29th day of November, 1787.

Natl Irwin, M.R.

(Seal of Office)

Recorded September 17, 1892.

William Conway, Recorder.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN'S WILL

Probated July 5, 1814, Will Book vol. i, p. 354

Copy of Will of Christopher Houseman filed August 23, 1914, in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa.

In the name of God, Amen, I Christopher Houseman of Ros-traver Township, Westmoreland County and State of Pennsylvania being indisposed in body but of sound mind and memory. Calling to mind the uncertainty of life do this twenty-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nine make constitute and ordain and declare this last wil and testament in manner following that is to say first I commend my soul to the God who gave it and my body to be decently interred in hopes of a glorious resurrection and as to the worldly estate which it has pleased Almighty God to give me I do dispose of it in the following manner viz first I give and bequeath to my son Jacob all my landed estate on condition of his paying to each of my daughters or if they are not living to their heirs the sum of fifty dollars within five years after my decease and likewise all my moveable property after my lawful debts are discharged I give also to my son Jacob or his heirs except a free and interrupted use of half of my dwelling house and half of and garden I reserve for my grand daughter Sarah White while she remains unmarried and chooses to live therein and I do ordain and appoint my son Jacob Houseman and James Cunningham Executors of

this my last will and testament for the intents and purposes therein expressed. In testimony whereof I the said Christopher Houseman have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day and year first above written.

His

Christopher X Houseman
Mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged and declared by said Christopher Houseman in presents of us Bela Smith

John J. Houseman

(Spelling and punctuation retained throughout.)

JACOB HOUSEMAN'S PATENT

Patent

Com. of Penn'a.

To

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Jacob Houseman

To all to who these presents shall come greeting. Know Ye, That in consideration of the monies paid by Jacob Houseman of Westmoreland County, into the Receiver General's Office of this Commonwealth at the granting of the warrant hereinafter mentioned, and of the sum of eight dollars and seventy-one cents lawful money now paid by him into the said office, there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto the said Jacob Houseman, a certain tract of land, called "Warren Point" situate in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County: Beginning at a post thence by land of Alexander Hinds, North sixty-five degrees East, eighty-seven perches and six-tenths to a post; South thirty-eight degrees East thirty-six perches and five-tenths to a white oak, South eighty degrees East forty-nine perches to a post; thence by lands of Thomas Moorhead North fifty-six degrees East sixty perches and seven-tenths to a hickory, North twenty perches to a hickory, thence by land of James Cunningham North thirty-nine degrees West, thirty-five perches and three-tenths to a black oak, North forty-three degrees West, twenty-eight perches to a post, thence by land of Christopher Houseman, South sixty-two degrees West, one hundred and thirty-nine perches to a white oak, South fifty-three degrees West, forty-nine perches to a post, and thence by land of James Kelley, South thirty-one degrees East, six perches and five-tenths to the Beginning. Containing fifty-five acres five perches and allowance for six per cent. for roads &c. Which said tract was surveyed in pursuance of a war-

rant dated 7th April 1798, granted to the said Jacob Houseman, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold, the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances, unto the said Jacob Houseman and his heirs, to the use of him the said Jacob Houseman, his heirs and assigns, forever free and clear of all restrictions and reservations as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents, or otherwise, excepting and reserving, only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore, for the use of this Commonwealth, to be delivered at the Pitts Mouth, clear of all charges. In Witness Whereof, Thomas McKean Governor, of the said Commonwealth, hath hereto set his hand, and caused the State Seal, to be hereunto affixed, the first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, and of the Commonwealth the twenty-ninth.

Thos. McKean

Attest:

T. M. Thomson, Sec.

STATE OF
PENNSYLVANIA
SEAL

ROLLS
OFFICE
SEAL

Inrolled in the Rolls Office in Patent Book No. 55, page 466. Witness my hand and seal of office this 3d day of April, 1805.

T. Matlack, M. R.

Recorded September 17th, 1892.

William B. Conway, Recorder.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,)
COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND,) SS.

I, JESSIE S. McCORMICK, Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the above PATENT from COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA to JACOB HOUSEMAN is a true and correct copy, as the same remains of record in said office, in Deed Book No. 214, Page 146.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 9th day of December, A. D., 1936.

Jessie S. McCormick,
Recorder of Deeds.

WILL OF JACOB HOUSEMAN (Nuncupative)

The following is the requits of Jacob Houseman of Rostaraver Township Westmoreland County as spoken by him on his deathbed in the presents of his family and the subscribing witnesses and committed to writing shortly after his death viz first he allowed all his just debts to be first paid further he allowed his wife Elizabeth Houseman to keep the house and place where she now lives during her widowhood or while she remains a widow and one wagon cart and two particular horses the grain and crop now in the ground for the support of the widow and children and if she would incline to move from the place during her widowhood she is to have one horse creature and two cows further it is my requits that his son John Houseman should attend to the crops and if any over plush after supporting the family it was his requits that his son should have it for his own use and to his four sons he allows his lands to be equally divided his two youngest sons and two daughters to be supported and schooled off the place and if the two youngest sons or either of them should go to any trade or trades they might choose and the rest of his personal property not mentioned he allowed to be divided between his widow and three daughters after deducting Solly's account and any frute years he allows any of his children or widow if off the place to have whate frute they or either of them may want for their own use further that his wife Elizabeth and two sons viz Christopher and John Houseman should settle his affairs and act for the minor children until they arrive at the age to act for themselves

Unsigned

Witnessed by:

William Essington

Sarah Essington

Dated May 23, 1814; reduced to writing May 31, 1814.

(Spelling and punctuation faithfully followed.)

JOHNSON HOUSEMAN AT THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(As related to Harry Houseman Frazier by a neighbor,
William Herdman)

For many years Johnson Houseman attended the twice a week market in Zanesville, O., selling dairy, garden and orchard products of his farm. He was in Zanesville on the evening of Lincoln's assassination and stayed over night to get further news. The next morning after he had the news of the President's death he started to drive home fifteen miles east to his farm. As he knew every farmer on the way, he spread the sad news from farm to farm as he passed.

When he came to the last farmhouse on his way home he saw the neighbor sitting on a recessed porch at the front of his house, to which ascended a high flight of stairs. His neighbor was not in sympathy with the administration, and was known among loyal men of the township as a "copperhead." Johnson Houseman stopped his team in front of the house and told him, "They have shot and killed Lincoln." To which the neighbor replied, "The black *xxx* *xxx* *xxx*, they should have killed him long ago."

Without a word, Johnson threw his lines over the dash, snatched the whip from the socket, jumped over the wheel, and started up through the yard and up the porch stairs. The neighbor retreated from the porch, through the house, up the hill through the orchard, then through a ten acre field, followed by Johnson Houseman in a limping run. The neighbor disappeared in a dense woods beyond the field and then only did Johnson give up the chase and return to his team. It is interesting to speculate on what would have happened had Johnson caught the neighbor, or had he stood his ground, for the neighbor was nearly twice the size of Johnson Houseman, and sound of limb. Apparently Johnson had no thought of fear or personal danger.

It is needless to say that, although these two men lived on adjoining farms for twenty-five years after the war, they never "neighbored" together, but were just civil to each other.

OBITUARY OF JOHNSON HOUSEMAN

(From *Zanesville Courier*, January 27, 1889)

Johnson Houseman was born in Washington County, Pa., August 27th, 1813. When about three years old his parents moved to Westland Township, Guernsey County, O. In 1821 his father died, leaving a family of five children of whom he was the eldest. He was apprenticed to learn the trade of wagon and carriage making when eighteen. He served his full time, but never followed his trade. In 1838 he married Nancy Gregory who still survives him. To them were born seven children, only three of whom are now living. He moved to Iowa in 1844 where he resided thirteen years, coming back to Ohio on account of poor health. He then purchased a farm near Rix Mills where he resided until his death. His health had been failing for more than a year, and he often said that he could not live much longer. Saturday, January 19th, he suddenly became worse and rapidly declined until his death which occurred at 4:30 A. M. January 22nd, 1889. He often expressed unwavering trust in his Savior and a steadfast hope of heaven.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church nearly fifty-five years, and held during that time many offices of importance and trust. His funeral services were conducted by Revs. Starkey and McKnight, and the remains were interred in Rich Hill Cemetery. He leaves to his many friends and relatives the priceless memory of a well spent life, and they now realize more fully than ever how "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(Several facts in the above obituary are inaccurate.)

WILL OF JOHNSON HOUSEMAN

In the Name of the Benevolent Father of All:

I Johnson Houseman of Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County and State of Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and testament:

Item 1st. I give and devise to my son Samuel W. Houseman the farm on which I now reside, situate in Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County and State of Ohio, with all the appurtenances thereunto pertaining in consideration that he agrees to and does support and maintain myself and my wife for and during our natural lives as well and comfortable as we have been wont to live in the few years past.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath all debts and claims due me including all money that may be in my possession or on deposit, and all bonds or other evidence of debt, to the following named children and in the following proportions towit: Samuel W. Houseman to have one-third of all property specified in Item 2nd, Eliza J. Herron to have one-third of the remaining two-thirds of all property specified in Item 2nd, The heirs of Mary E. Frazier, deceased, to have one-third of the remaining two-thirds of all property specified in Item 2nd to be equally divided between them share and share alike, and Catharine N. Reasoner to have one-third of the remaining two-thirds of all property specified in Item 2nd.

Item 3rd. In the event of the death of said Samuel W. Houseman before the death of any or all of the other parties above named, then and in that event, I desire that my entire estate be divided according to law.

Item 4th. I desire that all my debts be paid before any division be made as set forth in said Item 2nd. and also that suitable tombstones be erected to the graves of myself and wife, before any division be made as set forth in said Item 2.

Item 5th. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Samuel W. Houseman as executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering him to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as he may deem proper the debts and claims due me, I do also authorize and empower him if it shall become necessary in order to pay my debts, to sell by private sale, or in such manner upon such terms of credit, or otherwise as he may think

proper, all or any part of my real estate, and deeds to purchasers to execute, acknowledge and deliver in fee simple.

I desire that no appraisement and sale of my personal property be made and that the court of probate direct the omission of the same, in pursuance of the Statute.

I desire that said Samuel W. Houseman may not — required to give a bond.

In testimony hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of October, A. D. 1883.

Johnson Houseman
(Seal)

Signed and acknowledged by Johnson Houseman, as his last will and testament in our presence, and signed by us in his presence.

Jno. G. Gregory
L. S. Reasoner

(Filed in Probate Court of Muskingum County, O., February 15, 1889.)

OBITUARY OF JACOB HOUSEMAN

(Newspaper Clipping from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa)

Jacob Houseman was born in Washington County, Pa., March 29, 1815, died at his home near this city May 4, 1891, making his age 76 years, 1 month, 4 days. He came to this county in 1842. For nearly fifty years of his residence here none have known him but to respect and honor him, for a more honest, upright, kindly man never lived. On June 5, 1844, Mr. Houseman married Miss Susanna R. Spearman, the oldest of a large family, most of whom reside in this county. — John Houseman, the oldest son, now at Aurora, Neb., served his country as a member of the 4th Cavalry, enlisting before he was eighteen. The other children are James, Will, Alva, Sarah Edgar (wife of Thomas Edgar, now Mrs. Charles Walker of Kansas City), Mrs. Ella Hill (wife of William Hill who is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery), and Mrs. Alice Crain, wife of John T. Crain. Cynthia Bell, Charles, Bertha and Almeda preceded him in death.

For more than fifty years Father Houseman was a member of the Methodist Church, for thirty years a member of Pleasant Hill. He helped to build Pleasant Hill Chapel in 1845 and it is a coincidence that his grave is within the foundation of that old church. In 1852 with three brothers-in-law, W. T., C. F. and J. D. Spearman, he went to California, remaining two years working most of the time at his

trade, carpentering. In September, 1854, he started home from San Francisco, was shipwrecked, rescued, finally reaching home in December.

WILL OF JACOB HOUSEMAN

I, Jacob Houseman of Washington Township Fayette County, and State of Pennsylvania, taking into consideration the uncertainty of life, and now being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this, as for my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all wills heretofore made by me: First and principally I commit my Soul to God my Creator, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner. And as to such worldly goods & property as it hath pleased Almighty God to entrust me with, I dispose as follows. Item. I give and bequeath to Martha B. Houseman—daughter of Jacob B. Houseman—all the personal property that may belong to me at my decease—And my Real Estate, which consists of the farm upon which my nephew Jacob H. Houseman, now resides Situate in Washington Township—County & State aforesaid, adjoining lands of my brother Jos. Houseman, Jos Galoway & others—I dispose of as follows—that is to say, My said nephew—Jacob B. Houseman erected a good dwelling house & other valuable improvements thereon at his own cost, therefore I give & bequeath to him, the said farm—to have & to hold the same unto himself his heirs and assigns forever, by his paying however, the following bequests—in a proper time from the date of my decease—in money to the following named persons, to whom I bequeath the same—Item. I hereby direct that he, the said J. B. Houseman, shall pay as follows=viz—To my Sister—Mary McBride now of Mercer Co. Illinois—the sum of two hundred (200) dollars—to my Sister Catharine Newbold of the State of Iowa—two hundred (200) dollars—and to her son Jacob Newbold (my namesake) one hundred (100) dollars—to Nathaniel S. Houseman, One hundred (100) dollars—to Martha A. Houseman, daughter of D. P. Houseman One hundred (100) dollars—to Martha B. Smith—daughter of B. B. Smith. One hundred (100) dollars—to Ella Porter—daughter of Oliver Porter. One hundred (100) dollars—to Alice Houseman daughter of E. F. Houseman One hundred (100) dollars—to Ella, daughter of B. S. Houseman One hundred Dollars—to Jacob H. Campbell, son of Alvira Campbell of Mercer Co. Illinois Fifty (50) dollars—and lastly I direct that he shall also pay to the trustees of Rehoboth

Church, of Rostraver Twp. Westmoreland County Penna. One hundred (100) dollars in trust for said Rehoboth Presbyterian Congregation—the same to be put to interest, & the interest thereof to be paid as a yearly stipend for the use of said congregation from year to year so long as it shall remain as an organization—The true intent and meaning of this instrument is that all the above bequests shall be paid by my said nephew J. B. Houseman, from the fact that I have bequeathed to him my real estate, & from which said bequests, as well as any debts that I may owe, & my funeral expenses shall be paid—All of which legacies shall be paid—at his house or at Uniontown in said county, or at the house of his co.=executor—I do further constitute him the said Jacob B. Houseman & my nephew E. F. Houseman my lawful Executors, empowering them to carry the above more fully into effect according to law.

In Witness Whereof I, the testator have to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal this 23rd day of September AD one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Signed & sealed in presence of
us, who in presence of the Testator, and at
his request and in presence of each other,
have witnessed the same as his last Will
& Testament.

Jacob Houseman
(Seal)

E. F. Houseman
Bela B. Smith

JOHN HOUSEMAN McBRIDE

(News Clipping, Aledo, Ill., March 1903)

Perhaps in all Mercer County there is no man better known than Uncle John H. McBride. He was born Apr. 8, 1821, in Muskingum Co., Ohio. When a mere lad he moved with his parents, first to Rock Island, Ill., and in 1836 to Mercer Co., Ill., in Grove Twp., where he still resides. His parents were Pennsylvanians. His father was of Scotch, Irish, Welsh and German extraction, while his mother came from German nobility. The first home of the McBrides was a novelty. It was built of logs and had no floor save Mother Earth, no doors nor windows save those covered with quilts. The beds had two legs each, built against the walls. The father, James McBride, built the first saw mill in all the country. John did the farming, while his father ran the mill. John made trips with ox teams to Chicago, hauling grain for which he got 40 cents per bushel. He also made trips to Quincy, going by river. The trips supplied the family with sugar, flour, salt and other groceries.

The original farm had 600 acres. There now remains 216 acres. The farm is in fine order, everything neat and tasty. The McBride home is one of the most comfortable and attractive in the county. Mr. McBride never married, why we do not know. But we venture to say it was not because he did not possess a lovable disposition and the kindest of hearts.

He is generous to a fault and as honest as a gold dollar. No one ever went from his door hungry and no one was ever refused assistance. In politics he is a Democrat, rock-ribbed, one of the old school. He is a Mason, belonging to Aledo Lodge No. 252.

He was the eldest of a family of five, they being John H., Almeda, James C., Elvira J., and Sarah E. His father, James McBride, died in 1847 and his mother in 1879. Mr. McBride is now nearly 82 years of age.

LETTER BY JOHN HOUSEMAN McBRIDE

Aledo, March 24, 1879

Dear Friends & Relations:

I seat myself this morning with a sad heart to inform you of the death of our poor old mother. She departed 17th instant, 12 o'clock noon. She died with that old complaint heart disease. Her health was better this last winter than usual. Mother was sitting in her arm chair knitting. A neighbor happened in. She passed the compliments of the day with him. He was sitting in front of her watching her knit. He noticed her drop her head of a sudden. He just remarked that Grandmother was sleepy. Vide was busily engaged at the table cutting out a dress. Vide soon noticed there was something more than usual. Took camphor and applied it freely but done no good. I was at the barn feeding the horses. Jake told me to come to the house. I ran as fast as I could. When I got to the house the man took the knitting out of her hand; there was a lounge close by, we laid her on it. She breathed twice and expired. Poor mother, we miss her so mutch apparently more so than Medie. Mother made her own bed that morning. Vide remonstrated but she said I have always made my own bed and can do it again. I never saw a person of her age and afflicted as she was have so mutch energy, never lied down in daylight to take a rest, thought it was laziness. Poor Mother, I hope she is better off than to remain in this troublesome world. We sent you a paper with Medie death in it but have not rec'd. any word from you. Please write on recpt. of this and you'll confer great favor. This leaves us well as usual. Hoping this may find you the same.

J. H. McBride

(To Aunt Catherine Newbold)

LETTER BY ALMEDA McBRIDE

(Letter by Almeda McBride to her Aunt Catherine and Uncle Barzillai Newbold)

Aledo, Mercer Co. Illinois
Dec. 11, 1870

Dear Uncle, Auntie and Cousins how do you all do this stormy Sunday morning. I think I see you all in your usual capacity, especially Auntie flying around at her work well I have had it in contemplation to write you ever since I arrived home after my short visit amongst my dear friends in Iowa. I might just as well stayed two weeks longer if I had known we was going to have such delightful weather. I know you will forgive me for not writing sooner and that is a great relief to me. I wrote to Joshua as soon as I got home so I knew that you had learnt that I had arrived at home safe and sound. Forgive me this time and I will do better in the future about writing. Mother had a thousand and one questions to ask about you all especially Uncle and Auntie. She wrote Uncle & Auntie to come over in the spring and make us a visit sure & any of you that can come along with them. We don't want you to fail to come. Make your calculations to that effect for I assure you we will be glad to see you. Cousin Joshua told us in his letter that Uncle Mose had got well which we was very glad to hear but I was very sorry to hear that his health was not very good, besure and write to tell us how he is I would love to see him and Auntie so well & all of you. Cy, how is those big potatoes, I suppose you have got them all dug by this time I told John that you said that you had to cut them to get them in the pot he said to tell you that our turnips grow so big that he had to move the fence to let them grow. Cy, how is Mr. Grim getting along? Has he turned any-more summersets lately. I have to laugh every time I think about it yet. I got throwed out of a buggy at Mt. Pleasant backwards and was senseless for a few minutes. John Houseman his wife and Sister Elvira & I went to visit the asylum and after we went all through it we thought we would ride around and take a view of the grounds around it just as we got in the buggy the hind seat tore loose and the horse started, the seat turned over and threw Cousin Elvira and me out on our heads and shoulders. I was hurt considerable for a while but was able to start home the next morning. I told Cousin John Houseman it was a judgment sent on me for laughing at an old man

over near Hillsboro. I had a nice time in Mt. Pleasant. I got to Kiethsburg Saturday evening & got home on Monday evening. Now, Cy, I want you and Cousin Mary to answer this letter Cousin Mary promised to write me I want her to tell me how Willie is how many teeth has he got, bless his little heart kiss him for me. How is Johnny? I suppose he is going to school to Miss Savage is she still boarding with you. Give her my love & best regards. is Cousin Will going to school in Birmingham? Tell him to write me a letter. when was Cousin Jake at home, tell him his Cousin Almeda would dearly love to get a letter from him. I'm going to write to Cousin Eladic and Cyrene some day before long give them my love tell Cousin Will Hearvy I'm anticipating a good time when he comes to visit us. I'm going to pass him off for a young man. How is Irene & her husband? When you write tell us about all our friends how is Dr. Allen give them my best wishes & regards. We all prise the Dr. pictures. Those pictures was given to me by my friend in Iowa Mother put them all in her album as a treasure. The next time I write I will send you one of my Photographs. Mother says many thanks for that yarn she has got her stockings knit. They are nice. I do wish some of you could spend hollidays with us. Mother is going to have her children & grandchildren come home to eat turkey with her Tuesday after Christmas we got a letter from Sister Sarah Marshall last night they are well I got a letter from Findley Houseman since I was in Iowa they are all well Mother has not got her money yet. She has sent for it some time ago but it has not come yet for some cause. Have you heard from Mr. and Mrs. Mining since they left? Now Cousin Cy and Mary I want you to write soon I will send you a big fat letter this time be sure to write soon. Is there any talk of Mr. Harper & Cyrene getting married Mother and all the family send their love direct to Aledo your letters

Signed, Almeda McBride.

(Spelling and punctuation closely copied.)

LETTER BY BELA B. SMITH TO CATHERINE
HOUSEMAN NEWBOLD

Rostraver, Apr. 13, 1869

Mrs. Catherine Newbold:

After my best regards to you and your family permit me at the request of Jacob B. Houseman to make the following statement in regard to the Last Will & Testament of your deceased brother Jacob Houseman.

On Sept. 25, 1865 he made his last will & had it committed to writing by E. F. Houseman. He bequeathed to Martha B. Houseman daughter of Jacob B. Houseman all his personal property that he might own at his decease. He gave Jacob B. Houseman his farm by his paying in a proper time after his death the following bequests to the following named persons to whom he bequeathed the same:— (then follows the items of the foregoing will).

Now the daughter of Jacob B. Houseman to whom he willed his personal property died last August, some 5 or 6 months before the death of the testator and the question is who is the heir to this personal property. Some of our best attorneys here say that Jacob B. Houseman the father is the heir. Others say it is a lapsed estate and falls back to the Brothers & Sisters of the Testator.

Now Jacob B. Houseman says he does not care so much for the value of this personal property (a list of which I send you with what I believe to be a fair valuation of it), but he cannot bear the thought of having it exposed to public sale which must be done unless the Brothers & Sisters release to him their interest in said personal property (if any they have in the same) before he as Executor takes out Letters of Administration on the estate for after he has taken out letters he then must proceed according to law and have the personal property appraised and sold to the highest bidder.

Jacob feels confident that it was the desire of his deceased uncle for him to have said property from what he said about it after little Martha's death a part of which was said in my presence.

Jacob wishes you to let him know by letter immediately what you are willing to do in regard to this property if you are willing to give a quit claim as to your interest (if any), he will have the papers prepared and send them to you to have them signed at his expense. If you are not willing to release he will then proceed according to

law & sell and pay funds into the Court and let the Court decide who is the lawful heir which is a very unpleasant affair beside the cost which will be considerable. Now I have given you a fair statement of the whole affair and after considering the case you are not willing to release your claim (if any) please write soon to Jacob B. Houseman what you are willing to do. E. F. Houseman is Jacob's Executor. Hoping this matter will be settled amicably and satisfactorily to all parties concerned, I remain yours

Truly
(Signed) Bela B. Smith

A FAMOUS WAR HORSE

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In the spring of 1864 the 14th Iowa Infantry was doing service at Alexandria, La. The brigade of which the 14th was a unit was commanded by Col. Shaw of the 14th Iowa, while Lieut. Col. J. H. Newbold of Hillsboro, Ia. was in command of this regiment. When Gen. W. P. Banks' Red River Expedition was organized to ascend the Red River & capture large stores of cotton which the Confederates had assembled at various places along the river, Col. Shaw's brigade was ordered to report to Gen. Banks at Pleasant Hill where skirmishing had been in progress for several days. On Mar. 26 Col. Shaw's brigade broke camp at Alexandria and marched to Colite Landing on the Red River. It then embarked on transports and was conveyed to Grand, La., where it landed and marched to Pleasant Hill.

The horse Col. Newbold rode on this march had infected eyes and it was feared he was going blind. A squad of soldiers of the 14th Iowa, all neighbors of Col. Newbold, were out foraging. They came to a very aristocratic plantation and decided to enter and see what they could find. At the barn they found a beautiful white horse. Here was a real prize, just what Col. Newbold needed to replace the one he was riding. They took the horse from the barn, when the lady of the house rushed out greatly excited. She said she was Mrs. Taylor, wife of Gen. Richard Taylor, son of Zacharias Taylor, former President of the U. S. She said the White horse was one Gen. Taylor had ridden in the Mexican War. She begged them to take anything else they wanted, but leave the horse. That it was old and could be of little use to them and was highly prized in the Taylor family.

Mrs. Taylor was of prepossessing appearance and made a strong plea but not enough to dissuade the Hillsboro boys. They took the white horse and presented it to Col. Newbold and thenceforth it was considered his property.

When Col. Shaw reported to Gen. Banks at Pleasant Hill he was ordered to march to the front and relieve Gen. McMillan's brigade. The order was executed. The engagement soon became a real battle. The Confederates charged with fury. The gallant Col. Newbold leading his regiment in the hottest of the fight, was shot and fell from his horse mortally wounded. Capt. Warren C. Jones of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., assumed command of the Regt. and rode the white horse thru the rest of the battle.

Soon after this the white horse was sent by boat to Keokuk, Ia. It was sent to Hillsboro, where Col. Newbold's wife lived. It was then taken to the Newbold farm in Van Buren Co., about two miles southwest of Hillsboro, Henry County. Cyrus M. Newbold, a brother of Col. Newbold and of Gov. J. G. Newbold, now took the horse and taught it to work in harness on the farm. About two years later he sold the horse to John Moxley, a well known horseman who lived four miles west of Salem. Moxley sold the horse to Capt. Warren C. Jones of Mt. Pleasant, who had ridden him at the battle of Pleasant Hill. Capt. Jones tenderly cared for the horse until he died and buried him with military honors one and a half miles north of Mt. Pleasant, Ia. He now lies buried in Iowa soil in Sec. 30, Twp. 72, Range 6, Henry County.

RECOLLECTIONS OF OTIS NEWBOLD

Barzillai & Cath. Newbold always used candlelight. Otis can remember seeing them sit in their part of the house with one candle.

Catherine Newbold was poor when a child and said she often went barefoot in winter. She was short and heavy, her hair turned white. She was not as religious as her husband. She was very talkative and when anyone got the best of her she changed the subject.

Barzillai Newbold, her husband, was blonde. His son Cyrus looks like him more than any of the other boys. He was big framed, his disposition was like that of his son Cyrus. He was quiet like Cyrus. He always went to Hillsboro to church or "meeting" as he called it. He and his brother Joshua always used "Thou" and "Thee" when talking to each other. He carried his shoes to church and put them on when he got there. He was very religious, a good church worker and talker—could talk better than his brother, the Rev. Joshua. Otis has heard them both talk in meeting. Both Rev. Joshua & Barzillai became hard of hearing in their old age. Barzillai probably died of pneumonia.

Otis said concerning his father & mother Cyrus M. & Catherine Houseman Newbold: father had stake & rider fences. The fields were thick with prairie chickens. I often stood in the kitchen door and shot them in the fields directly south of the house. That was more than 40 years ago, for 30 years ago father put out the old orchard. We children all went to the "Horn School", so called because it was near the Horn Farm.

OBITUARY OF BARZILLAI NEWBOLD

(From a Hillsboro, Iowa, Paper)

Barzillai Newbold died at his residence in Van Buren County near Hillsboro, Ia., Feb. 2, 1890. Mr. Newbold was the son of Barzillai Newbold of Burlington, N. J. He was born in Fayette Co., Pa., Mar. 19, 1805. He was near 85 years old, was married to Catharine Houseman Feb. 5, 1829, with whom he lived 61 years. He came to Iowa in the spring of 1854 and one year later moved from Mt. Pleasant into Cedar Twp., Van Buren Co., where he lived at the time of his death. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church more than 60 years, a deacon of the church for 50 years, he has been a voter 64 years. Politically he was an anti-slavery Whig until the Republican party was organized. He assisted in organizing the party. He never failed to vote at a presidential election or for Governor of his state for 64 years. He frequently remarked that he was never sick on election day. His life religious and political was a consistent one, his neighbors universally say "a good man is gone, how true it is that all that is born must die".

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE HOUSEMAN FAMILY

*Known to be living

- 1¹ John Houseman
- 1² Christopher Houseman m. Sarah —
 - 1³ Mary Houseman m. Isaac Shepler
 - 2³ Jacob Houseman m. (1) Sarah Johnson; m. (2) Elizabeth Hill
 - 1⁴ Christopher Houseman m. Sarah Myers
 - 1⁵ Johnson Houseman m. Nancy Gregory
 - 1⁶ Eliza Jane Houseman m. Isaac G. Herron
 - 1⁷ Elizabeth V. Herron
 - 2⁷ Mary Herron
 - 3⁷ Jane Herron
 - 4⁷ Nancy Herron
 - 5⁷ George Herron
 - 6⁷ Frederick Herron*
 - Two sons*
 - 2⁶ Mary Elizabeth Houseman m. John A. Frazier
 - 1⁷ Harry Houseman Frazier* m. Alice Ledman*
 - 1⁸ John Ledman Frazier
 - 2⁸ Mary Faith Frazier* m. Dana Griswold Coe*
 - 1⁹ Robert Frazier Coe*
 - 2⁹ Mary Elizabeth Houseman Coe*
 - 3⁹ Alice Griswold Coe*
 - 2⁷ Daisy Frazier* m. Clarence A. Moore*
 - 1⁸ Betty Ruth Moore* m. George Stirling*
 - 2⁸ Dorothy Houseman Moore m. Hawley Williams*
 - 1⁹ Gerald Lee Williams*
 - 2⁹ Dorothy Sandra Williams*
 - 3⁹ John Hawley Williams*
 - 3⁶ Samuel Wesley Houseman m. Elizabeth Burris
 - 4⁶ Catherine Newbold Houseman* m. Lynn Reasoner
 - 1⁷ Jay Albert Reasoner m. Bessie Ling*
 - 1⁸ Carmen Reasoner*
 - 2⁷ Ethel Reasoner*
 - 2⁵ Jacob Houseman m. Susanna Spearman

- 1⁸ John Fordyce Houseman m. Estella Margaret Bell
- 1⁷ Frank E. Houseman* m. Margaret Eads
- 1⁸ Helen Houseman*
- 2⁷ Charles Houseman
- 3⁷ Ralph Hanson Houseman* m. Marie Cloud Valentine*
- 1⁸ Martha Estella Houseman* m. Raymond Wells Ruby*
- 1⁹ Nadyne Ruby*
- 2⁸ Frances Marie Houseman*
- 2⁶ James Spearman Houseman m. Ruth Ella Stansbury
- 1⁷ John Walter Houseman* m. Lettie Atkins*
- 2⁷ James Albert Houseman* m. Clara Luella Voorhees*
- 1⁸ Nellie Eliza Houseman* m. Bismark Nollsch
- 1⁹ Nellie Nollsch*
- 2⁹ Harry Nollsch
- 3⁹ Everett Nollsch*
- 4⁹ Joy Nollsch*
- 5⁹ Roy Stanley Nollsch*
- 6⁹ Genevieve Ruth Nollsch*
- 7⁹ Phyllis Faye Nollsch*
- 2⁸ Ward Emmons Houseman* m. Lucille Ayres*
- 1⁹ Betty Lou Houseman*
- 3⁸ Ruth Alice Houseman* m. Julius Johannson*
- 1⁹ James Johannson*
- 3⁷ Susan Ella (Suella) Houseman* m. John Monroe Grant
- 4⁷ Jacob Martin Houseman m. (1) Margie Beam
- 1⁸ Ruth Ella Houseman* m. — Bennett
- Two daughters*
- 2⁸ Paul Jefferson Houseman* m. Clara —*
- 1⁹ Arvid Paul Houseman*
- 4⁷ Jacob Martin Houseman m. (2) Hettie Arnold*
- 1⁸ Olive Houseman* m. Roy Roberts
- 1⁹ Rodney Lee Roberts
- 2⁸ Clara Houseman*
- 3⁸ William Howard Houseman
- 5⁷ Paul Butler Houseman
- 6⁷ Myrtle Belle Houseman* m. Amos Monroe Boggs*

- 1⁸ Mildred Ethel Boggs* m. Robert Sparks*
 - 1⁹ Robert Clifton Sparks*
 - 2⁹ Thelma Iona Sparks
 - 3⁹ Virginia Lee Sparks*
- 2⁸ Thelma Louise Boggs* m. Milton Dean*
 - 1⁹ Florence Mildred Dean*
 - 2⁹ Violet Ruby Dean*
 - 3⁸ William Merle Boggs* m. Dessyle Dean*
- 7⁷ Wilbur Farnsworth Houseman* m. Anna M. Stevens*
- 3⁶ Sarah Anne Houseman* m. (1) Thos. Edger; m. (2) Charles Walker
- 1⁷ Jennie Bell Edger m. Thomas Buckingham*
 - 1⁸ Joe J. Buckingham*
 - Eight children*
- 2⁷ Joseph Harry Edger m. Daisy Jennings*
- 3⁷ Mattie Estella Edger m. Burrow Moscrop*
- 4⁷ John Franklin Edger* m. Aleda Light*
 - 1⁸ Neva Edger* m. — Munro*
 - 1⁹ Betty Lou Munro*
 - 2⁹ Patsy Jean Munro*
- 5⁷ Thomas Arba Edger* m. Maude Watters*
 - 1⁸ Charles Thomas Edger*
 - Two children*
 - 2⁸ Sally Ann Edger* m. — Olsen*
 - 3⁸ Ralph Eugene Edger*
 - 4⁸ Robert Edger*
 - 5⁸ Georgia Edger*
- 6⁷ Charles Houseman Edger* m. (1) Verna Hunter
 - 1⁸ Dorman Thorwald Edger*
- 6⁷ Charles Houseman Edger* m. (2) Lovilla Prickett*
 - 1⁸ Thelma Charlotte Edger*
 - 2⁸ Elaine Edger*
 - 3⁸ Louise Edger* m. — Dotson*
 - One child*
- 7⁷ William Arthur Edger* m. Bertha Eddinfield
 - 1⁸ Nioma Joye Edger*
- 8⁷ Susie Rovida Edger m. Melvin Claude Wilson*
 - 1⁸ Melvin Thorwald Wilson*
 - 1⁹ Hester Rovida Wilson*

- 2⁸ Dale Edger Wilson*
- 1⁹ Dale E. Wilson*
- 3⁸ Mildred B. Wilson*
- 4⁶ Elvira Houseman m. William Hill
 - 1⁷ Myrtle Hill
 - 2⁷ Susan Hill
 - 3⁷ Martin Hill
 - 4⁷ Roy Hill* m. Rebecca King*
 - 1⁸ Mervin Hill*
 - 2⁸ Raymond Hill*
 - 3⁸ Myra Nell Hill*
- 5⁶ Alice Cary Houseman* m. John T. Crain*
 - 1⁷ Estella May Crain* m. Clarence Hackett*
 - 1⁸ Errol Crain Hackett*
 - 2⁷ Susan Hannah Crain* m. Clyde Thompson*
 - 1⁸ Alice Thelma Thompson* m. Clinton Scranton*
 - 1⁹ Helen Louise Scranton*
 - 2⁹ Martin Edward Scranton
 - 2⁸ Vietta May Thompson* m. Leo Padgett*
 - 1⁹ Wayne Padgett*
 - 3⁸ Agnes Grace Thompson* m. Fabian Kerfus*
 - 1⁹ Richard Lewis Kerfus*
 - 4⁸ Delbert Valentine Thompson* m. Ila King*
 - 1⁹ Orville Thompson*
 - 2⁹ Pauline Thompson*
 - 3⁹ Irma Thompson*
 - 5⁸ John Alonzo Thompson*
 - 6⁸ Gladys Thompson*
 - 7⁸ Kenneth Thompson*
 - 8⁸ Harold Thompson*
 - 9⁸ Beverly Sue Thompson*
 - 10⁸ Hazel Thompson
- 6⁶ Cynthia Bell Houseman
- 7⁶ Charles Elliot Houseman
- 8⁶ William Cornelius Houseman m. Barbara Ann McGowan*
 - 1⁷ George Webster Houseman* m. Alice Rose Greenfield*
 - 1⁸ Henry William Houseman*

- 2⁸ Barbara Houseman*
- 3⁸ Doris Evelyn Houseman*
- 4⁸ George Frederick Houseman*
- 5⁸ Pearl Selena Houseman*
- 6⁸ Bernard Douglas Houseman*
- 7⁸ Vera Marguerite Houseman*
- 8⁸ Benjamin Houseman*
- 9⁸ Child, name and sex not reported*
- 2⁷ Howard Cornelius Houseman* m. Lydia May*
 - 1⁸ Ortie Fred Houseman
 - 2⁸ Ralph Orville Houseman*
 - 3⁸ Virgil Leroy Houseman
 - 4⁸ Violet Lillian Houseman*
 - 3⁷ Amos Leroy Houseman
 - 4⁷ Henry Louis Houseman
- 9⁶ Alva S. Houseman* m. Hattie —
 - 1⁷ Nina Houseman
- 10⁶ Bertha Greefe Houseman
- 11⁶ Almeda McBride Houseman
- 3⁵ Mary Anne Houseman m. John Fordyce, Jr.
 - 1⁶ James Harvey Fordyce
 - 2⁶ Samuel Wesley Fordyce m. Susan Chadwick
 - 1⁷ John Fordyce* m. —
 - 1⁸ Samuel Fordyce* m. —
 - 1⁹ One son* and two daughters*
 - 2⁸ Jack Fordyce* m. —
 - 1⁹ One son* and one daughter*
 - 3⁸ Edward Fordyce*
 - 4⁸ Powell Fordyce* m. —
 - 1⁹ One daughter*
 - 2⁷ William Fordyce* m. —
 - 1⁸ Two sons* and one daughter*
 - 3⁷ Samuel Fordyce*
 - 4⁷ Jane Fordyce* m. David Stanley*
 - 1⁸ Three sons*
 - 1⁹ One daughter, Jane*
- 3⁶ Ruth Fordyce m. Lewis Baker
 - 1⁷ John Fordyce Baker
 - 2⁷ Lillian Fordyce Baker* m. Charles Warren

- 1⁸ Lewis Baker Warren
- 3⁷ Lewis Baker
- 4⁷ Anne Baker* m. Guy Despard Goff
- 5⁷ Virginia Baker* m. —
 - 1⁸ Ruth —* m. Eads Johnson*
 - 1⁹ Virginia Johnson*
 - 2⁸ Elizabeth —* m. Livingston Tallmadge*
 - 1⁹ Gerard Tallmadge* (girl)
 - 2⁹ Mary Tallmadge*
- 6⁷ Susan Baker
- 7⁷ Nancy Ruth Baker* m. James Thomas
 - 1⁸ Newton Thomas* m. —
 - 1⁹ Two sons* and one daughter*
 - 2⁸ Addison Thomas
 - 3⁸ Nancy Thomas* m. —
 - 1⁹ One son*
- 4⁶ William Houseman Fordyce
- 5⁶ Justin Gerard Fordyce
- 6⁶ Homer Gerard Fordyce m. Elizabeth McPherson
 - 1⁷ One son
- 7⁶ Benson Fordyce
- 8⁶ Thomas Mellville Fordyce
- 9⁶ Sarah Alice Fordyce
- 10⁶ Nancy Fordyce* m. Charles Swift*
 - 1⁷ Two sons* and two daughters*
 - 1⁸ One daughter* has three children*
- 11⁶ Addison Fordyce m. Alice Dean Smith
 - 1⁷ Daughter*
 - 1⁸ Daughter*
- 4⁵ Elizabeth Houseman m. Samuel Gregory
 - 1⁶ William Drummond Gregory m. Fannie Gallogly*
 - 1⁷ Mary Elizabeth Gregory* m. Frank H. Ralston*
 - 1⁸ Donald Gregory Ralston* m. Mary Isabelle Knox*
 - 1⁹ Dorothy Jean Ralston*
 - 2⁹ Donald Gregory Ralston*
 - 2⁸ Frances Ralston* m. Eugene Brill*
 - 1⁹ Elizabeth Anne Brill*
 - 2⁹ Eugene Brill*
 - 3⁹ Ronald Brill*

- 2⁷ Samuel Welbly Gregory* m. Alice Cunningham*
- 1⁸ Dorothy Gregory* m. Clyde Berry*
- 1⁹ John Gregory Berry*
- 2⁸ Drummond Gregory* m. Irene Smith*
- 1⁹ Richard Drummond Gregory*
- 2⁹ Emily Jane Gregory*
- 3⁸ Elmer Gordon Gregory*
- 4⁸ Elizabeth Grace Gregory*
- 3⁷ James Gallogly Gregory* m. Elsa Clauder*
- 1⁸ Philip James Gregory*
- 2⁸ William Drummond Gregory*
- 4⁷ Lora May Gregory m. Charles Wetzsteon*
- 1⁸ Frances Elizabeth Wetzsteon* m. Merton Howard*
- 1⁹ Merton Lee Howard*
- 2⁸ Lora Jane Wetzsteon*
- 5⁷ Ruth Houseman Gregory m. Fred W. Barnett*
- 1⁸ Mary Houseman Barnett* m. Francis G. Moore*
- 6⁷ John Drummond Gregory
- 7⁷ Frances Grace Gregory* m. George A. Lohmire*
- 1⁸ Ada Frances Lohmire*
- 8⁷ Della Jean Gregory* m. Albert B. Cunningham*
- 2⁶ John G. Gregory m. Mary Ray
- 1⁷ Elizabeth Gregory* m. John Howard Martin*
- 1⁸ John Gregory Martin* m. Ann Laing*
- 1⁹ Elizabeth McPherson Martin*
- 2⁹ Mildred Laing Martin*
- 3⁹ Gertrud Lillias Martin*
- 4⁹ John Gregory Martin*
- 2⁸ Ralph Laughlin Martin*
- 3⁸ Howard Fay Fife Martin
- 4⁸ Samuel Williamson Martin
- 5⁸ Mary Gertrude Martin* m. John Elder Wallace*
- 1⁹ John Elder Wallace*
- 2⁹ Mary Jane Wallace*
- 6⁸ Frances Katherine Martin*
- 7⁸ Dora Elizabeth Martin* m. Edward M. Clark*
- 1⁹ Dora Katherine Clark*
- 2⁹ Lois Margaret Clark*
- 3⁹ Elizabeth May Clark*

- 2⁷ Sarah Katherine Gregory* m. Samuel Shepler*
- 1⁸ Herbert Shepler* m. Frances Carmen*
- 1⁹ Carmen Shepler*
- 2⁹ Anna Katherine Shepler*
- 2⁸ John Shepler* m. Josephine Rinehard*
- 3⁸ Martha Elizabeth Shepler* m. Delmar Lemmon*
- 1⁹ Martha Katherine Lemmon*
- 2⁹ William Kenneth Lemmon
- 4⁸ Mary Lois Shepler* m. James Bradford*
- 1⁹ Infant son
- 2⁹ Nancy Ann Bradford*
- 5⁸ Merrill Shepler*
- 6⁸ Eugene Shepler*
- 3⁷ Samuel Ray Gregory* m. Mary Shepler*
- 1⁸ Winifred Gregory* m. Lloyd Menzie*
- 1⁹ Winifred Donna Menzie*
- 2⁹ Ernest Lloyd Menzie
- 2⁸ John Gregory*
- 3⁸ Joseph Gregory*
- 4⁷ Margaret Winifred Gregory* m. John Watson*
- 1⁸ Grace Watson* m. Paul Cunningham*
- 1⁹ Martha Jean Cunningham*
- 2⁹ Mary Anne Cunningham*
- 3⁹ John Ray Cunningham*
- 5⁷ Sylvia Susan Gregory* m. Warren Saliday*
- 1⁸ Louis Saliday* m. Jeraldine Johnson*
- 1⁹ Loraine Saliday
- 6⁷ Pearl Houseman Gregory* m. Blanche Saliday*
- 1⁸ Dorothy Elizabeth Gregory* m. Henry Kaiser*
- 1⁹ Dorothy Gregory Kaiser*
- 3⁶ Mary Anne Gregory m. (1) James Poland
- 1⁷ Alice Cary Poland m. Elmer C. Siberts
- 1⁸ Carl Siberts
- 2⁸ Earl Edward Siberts*
- 3⁸ Lyle Lester Siberts m. Nellie Wheeler*
- 1⁹ Bobbie Elsworth Siberts*
- 4⁸ Silver LaRue Siberts*
- 5⁸ Lucille Siberts* m. Chester Reed Green*
- 1⁹ Betty Green*

- 3⁶ Mary Anne Gregory m. (2) Elijah Roberts
- 1⁷ Alta Kate Roberts* m. Charles E. Haight*
 - 1⁸ Chester Elsworth Haight* m. Lela Syoc*
 - 1⁹ Lorna Haight*
 - 2⁹ Virgil Haight*
 - 3⁹ Paul Haight*
 - 4⁹ Orlo Haight*
 - 5⁹ Keith Haight*
 - 2⁸ Bernice Haight* m. Earl McCracken*
 - 1⁹ Mary Eleanor McCracken
 - 2⁹ Elane McCracken*
 - 3⁹ Phyllis McCracken*
- 2⁷ Alma Cora Roberts* m. John F. Rickey*
 - 1⁸ Lloyd Roberts Rickey* m. Arbalon Wolfe*
 - 1⁹ Lorraine Rickey*
 - 2⁸ Cloyce Herbert Rickey* m. Dorothy Chitwood*
 - 1⁹ Caroline Rickey*
 - 2⁹ John Wiley Rickey*
 - 3⁸ Frank Delbert Rickey* m. Opal Earls*
 - 1⁹ Frank B. Rickey*
 - 4⁸ James Howard Rickey
 - 5⁸ Mary Margaret Rickey* m. Harry Burge*
 - 1⁹ Cora Louise Burge*
 - 2⁹ Keith Burge*
 - 6⁸ Alma Gertrude Rickey* m. Orval Cornwell*
 - 1⁹ Earl Eugene Cornwell*
 - 2⁹ Richard Duane Cornwell*
 - 3⁹ Donald John Cornwell*
 - 7⁸ Marjorie Louise Rickey* m. Francis Fullerton*
- 3⁷ Flora May Roberts* m. J. Edward Pierce*
 - 1⁸ Harry Roberts Pierce* m. Hazel Burns*
 - 1⁹ Kenneth Edward Pierce*
- 5⁵ William Houseman m. Elizabeth Thompson
 - 1⁶ Harmon Houseman m. Martha Umstott
 - 1⁷ Stella Houseman* m. George Blakeslee
 - 1⁸ Ruth Blakeslee* m. George Calland*
 - 1⁹ Martha Calland*
 - 2⁷ Ruth Houseman* m. Ralph Belknap*
 - 1⁸ Martha Belknap*

- 2⁸ Helen Belknap*
- 3⁷ Edith Houseman* m. Edward Reel*
- 1⁸ Dorothy Reel* m. Paul Hardin*
- 2⁶ Alice Houseman m. Joseph Graham*
- 1⁷ Ada Graham* m. John Bane*
- 1⁸ Alice Bane*
- 3⁶ Leander Houseman m. Martha Ayres
- 1⁷ Lena Houseman* m. Lyman Moore*
- 1⁸ Elda Moore*
- 2⁸ Laura Jane Moore*
- 2⁷ Alice Houseman* m. James Davidson*
- 1⁸ Paul Davidson*
- 2⁸ Edith Hinton Davidson*
- 3⁸ William Hinton Davidson*
- 4⁸ Virginia Davidson*
- 3⁷ Lawrence Houseman* m. Trella —*
- 1⁸ Martha Jane Houseman*
- 4⁷ Myrtle Houseman*
- 5⁷ Lillian Houseman* m. Curtis Fishinger*
- 6⁷ Albert Houseman* m. Gladys —*
- 7⁷ Mary Houseman m. Jack Robinson*
- 4⁶ Emma Houseman m. Clay H. Young
- 1⁷ Carl Houseman Young* m. Mayme Jackson*
- 1⁸ Henry Clay Young*
- 2⁸ Clifford Jackson Young*
- 3⁸ Earl Raymond Young*
- 4⁸ Jean Eleanor Young*
- 5⁸ James Robert Young*
- 5⁶ Elizabeth Houseman m. McClelland Van Meter
- 1⁷ Rhea Van Meter m. Paul A. Riggle*
- 2⁷ Mary Van Meter m. Walter Schwall*
- 1⁸ Mary Aleta Schwall*
- 2⁸ Janet Marie Schwall*
- 3⁷ Stewart Van Meter* m. Mary Louise —*
- 1⁸ William Stuart Van Meter*
- 2⁸ Elgin Van Meter*
- 6⁶ Mary Houseman* m. Abraham Lincoln Burson
- 2⁴ John Johnson Houseman m. (1) Elizabeth Smith; (2) Marietta Null

- 1⁵ Evan Finley Houseman m. Harriett Paton
- 1⁶ Harris Houseman
- 2⁶ Anna Houseman m. Robert Fulton
 - 1⁷ Harris Fulton* m. Helen Thompson*
 - 1⁸ William Fulton*
 - 2⁸ Virginia Fulton*
 - 3⁸ Sally Fulton*
 - 2⁷ Robert Fulton* m. Bessie —*
 - 1⁸ Rose Mary Fulton* (adopted)
 - 2⁸ Delores Fulton*
 - 3⁷ Evelyn Fulton* m. Frank Hart
 - 1⁸ Anna Hart*
 - 2⁸ Elizabeth Hart*
 - 3⁶ John Houseman m. Nettie Null
 - 4⁶ Hampton Houseman m. Mary Young*
 - 1⁷ Edith Houseman* m. Wilfred Saeger*
 - 1⁸ Betty Saeger*
 - 5⁶ Alice Houseman
 - 6⁶ Harriett Houseman
 - 7⁶ Celia Houseman m. Augustus Welty
 - 1⁷ Hetty Welty*
 - 2⁷ Drum Welty* m. Hazel Koerlil*
 - 1⁸ Augustus Drum Welty III*
 - 3⁷ Hampton Welty* m. Hazel Everett*
 - 1⁸ Jean Welty*
 - 2⁵ Augustus Houseman m. — Everhart
 - 3⁵ Bela Houseman m. Elizabeth Power
 - 1⁶ Homer Houseman* m. Mary Franklin*
 - 1⁷ Margaret E. Houseman*
 - 2⁷ Sarah Houseman* m. Gillette Lutz*
 - 1⁸ Elsie Lutz* m. Dwight Gaffney*
 - 1⁹ Sidney Gaffney*
 - 2⁸ Kenneth Lutz*
 - 3⁸ Donald Lutz
 - 3⁷ Jeanette Houseman* m. Heath Zundel*
 - 1⁸ Walter Zundel*
 - 2⁸ Rhoda Zundel*
 - 3⁸ Jane Zundel*
 - 4⁸ Jacob Zundel*

- 5⁸ Clara Zundel*
- 6⁸ John Zundel*
- 4⁷ Mary Houseman*
- 5⁷ Irene Houseman* m. Plummer Speers*
- 1⁸ Frances Speers* m. Rholan Peden*
- 2⁸ Glen Speers*
- 3⁸ Wilfred Speers*
- 4⁸ Winifred Speers
- 2⁶ James Houseman m. Viney Faust
- 1⁷ Ella Houseman* m. Walter Early
- 1⁸ Reda Early*
- 2⁸ Bettie Early*
- 3⁸ Phyllis Early*
- 2⁷ May Houseman* m. William Holohan*
- 1⁸ William Holohan*
- 2⁸ Elizabeth Holohan*
- 3⁸ Walter Holohan*
- 4⁸ Constance Holohan*
- 3⁷ Bela Houseman
- 3⁶ George Houseman
- 4⁶ Ella Houseman
- 5⁶ Frances Houseman
- 6⁶ Hattie Houseman m. Van Voorhis Brown
- 1⁷ Karl Brown* m. Margaret Fish*
- 1⁸ Karl Brown*
- 2⁸ Paul Brown*
- 3⁴ Sarah (Sallie) Houseman m. William Essington
- 4⁴ Mary (Polly) Houseman m. James McBride
- 1⁵ John Houseman McBride
- 2⁵ Almeda McBride
- 3⁵ James C. McBride
- 4⁵ Elvira J. McBride m. — Campbell
- 1⁶ Jacob Houseman Campbell
- 5⁵ Sarah E. McBride m. — Marshall
- 5⁴ Joseph Houseman m. Polly Stevens
- 1⁵ Jacob Houseman m. Matilda Porter
- 1⁶ Lulu Houseman m. Griffith Stevens*
- 1⁷ Ray Stevens* m. Martha Todd*
- 2⁷ Martha Stevens m. Roy Robertson*

- 2⁵ Nathaniel Houseman m. Sallie Shepler
 - 1⁶ Ella Houseman
 - 2⁶ Mary Houseman
 - 3⁶ Joseph Bela Houseman
- 3⁵ Hannah Houseman m. Oliver Porter
 - 1⁶ Jacob Porter*
 - 2⁶ Judith Porter* m. David McNutt*
 - 1⁷ William McNutt*
 - 2⁷ Olive McNutt* m. William Travis*
 - 3⁶ Elizabeth Porter* m. Frank Brumiller*
 - 4⁶ Ella Porter
 - 5⁶ Charles Porter*
 - 6⁶ Samuel Porter* m. Levina Danielson*
 - 1⁷ James Porter*
 - 2⁷ Warren Porter*
 - 3⁷ John Porter*
- 4⁵ David Porter Houseman m. Lucina Shepler
 - 1⁶ Irwin Houseman m. Agnes Young
 - 1⁷ Mabel Houseman* m. Frank O'Hara
 - 1⁸ William O'Hara
 - 2⁸ Anna O'Hara* m. Herbert Myers*
 - 3⁸ Frances O'Hara*
 - 2⁷ Clyde Houseman* m. Tillie Beeler*
 - 1⁸ Irwin Houseman*
 - 2⁸ James Houseman*
 - 3⁸ Warren Houseman*
 - 4⁸ Virginia Houseman*
 - 3⁷ Alva Houseman
 - 2⁶ Alva Porter Houseman
 - 3⁶ Mary Houseman m. John Jones
 - 1⁷ Affa Jones m. Samuel Heath*
 - 1⁸ Elizabeth Heath
 - 2⁸ Helen Heath* m. William Tredwell*
 - 3⁸ Pearl Heath* m. Harry Fleming*
 - 2⁷ Ecce Jones m. Sarah Douglas*
 - 1⁸ Ruth Jones*
 - 2⁸ Margaret Jones*
 - 3⁸ Douglas Jones* m. Edith Strenske*
 - 4⁸ Martha Jones*

- 5⁸ James Jones*
- 6⁸ Robert Jones
- 3⁷ Amma Jones m. Levina Jones*
- 1⁸ Hazel Jones*
- 4⁶ Martha Houseman m. Taylor Baldwin
- 1⁷ Blanche Baldwin* m. Willis Hodgson*
- 1⁸ Irwin Hodgson*
- 2⁸ Edna Hodgson*
- 3⁸ Hazel Hodgson*
- 4⁸ Lucinda Hodgson*
- 2⁷ Edith Baldwin* m. Frank Kyle*
- 3⁷ Maude Baldwin* m. Elmer Finley*
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 - 1⁵ Joshua Giddings Newbold m. Rachel Farquhar
 - 1⁶ Mary Allene Newbold m. Frank Isamen
 - 1⁷ Catherine Isamen* m. — White*
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 - 1⁸ Harvey Cole*
 - 2⁶ Alice C. Newbold
 - 3⁶ Joseph A. Newbold
 - 4⁶ Emma Irene Newbold m. Butler Buchannan
 - 1⁷ Perry Buchannan* m. Jennie Smith
 - 2⁷ Frank Buchannan*
 - 3⁷ Clark Buchannan*
 - 5⁶ George G. Newbold
 - 2⁵ Elizabeth Newbold m. George Stephens
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- 1⁷ Ella Bell Jordan*
- 2⁷ Marshall Jordan*
- 2⁶ Ella Belle Jordan* m. Clark Latherty*
 - 1⁷ Olive Latherty
- 3⁶ Johnson Barzillai "Zill" Jordan* m. Belle Cochran*
 - 1⁷ Bert Jordan
 - 2⁷ Zella Jordan* m. — Flores*
 - 3⁷ Cyrus Jordan*
 - 4⁷ Inez Jordan
- 4⁶ Martie M. Jordan m. Lester Baily
 - 1⁷ Phyllis Baily
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 - 3⁷ Paul Baily*
- 5⁶ Joseph Jordan* m. Sibyl Teter*
 - 1⁷ Jonathan Jordan*
 - 2⁷ William Jordan*
 - 3⁷ Mary Jordan*
- 6⁶ Carrie Jordan* m. W. H. Montgomery
 - 1⁷ Harry Montgomery*
 - 2⁷ Nina Montgomery*
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 - 5⁷ Gertrude Montgomery*
- 7⁶ Jack Jordan m. Maggie Avis
 - 1⁷ Thomas Jordan*
 - 2⁷ William Jordan*
- 4⁵ Joseph Houseman Newbold m. Cyrene A. Carmean
 - 1⁶ Mary Alice Newbold
 - 2⁶ Joseph Henry Newbold
 - 1⁷ Cecil Newbold*
 - 2⁷ Edwin Newbold*
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- 5⁵ Sarah Newbold
- 6⁵ Jacob Newbold m. (1) Sarah Jordan; m. (2) Anne Carter
 - 1⁶ John Newbold m. Ada Cook
 - 1⁷ Cecil Newbold*
 - 2⁶ (Second marriage) Orpha Newbold m. John S. Chism
 - 3⁶ Austin Newbold*
 - 1⁷ One son and one daughter*

- 7⁵ Cyrus Newbold m. Mary A. Allen
 - 1⁶ Willis Newbold* m. Emma Whitaker*
 - 1⁷ Joseph W. Newbold* m. Barbara Therme*
 - 2⁷ Cyrus Newbold* m. Edna Jack*
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 - 4⁷ Catherine Newbold*
 - 5⁷ Ruth Newbold*
 - 6⁷ Bud Newbold*
 - 2⁶ Otis C. Newbold m. Jessie Ruth Hixson
 - 1⁷ Rolland Newbold* m. Lucille Thornton*
 - 1⁸ Joan Newbold*
 - 3⁶ Ellis B. Newbold* m. Jessie Fremont Cleave*
 - 1⁷ Adopted George Newbold*
 - 4⁶ Belle Edna Newbold* m. H. N. Wright
 - 1⁷ Eugene Wright*
 - 2⁷ Mary Wright*
 - 5⁶ George Eugene Newbold* m. Mae Graves*
 - 1⁷ Mina Newbold m. Roy Ridgeway
 - 1⁸ Leota Virginia Ridgeway*
 - 2⁸ Treva Jane Ridgeway*
 - 3⁸ Rex Leroy Ridgeway*
 - 2⁷ Robert Newbold* m. Gertrude Hixson*
 - 1⁸ John Robert Newbold*
 - 2⁸ Roger Lee Newbold*
 - 8⁵ Eledicia "Dice" Newbold m. William Hervey
 - 1⁶ Archer Hervey*
 - 2⁶ James Hervey*
 - 3⁶ Katie Hervey*
 - 4⁶ Rex Hervey*
 - 1⁷ Theta Hervey*
 - 5⁶ Edith Hervey*
 - 6⁶ Hugh Hervey*
 - 7⁶ Barzillai Hervey*
 - 1⁷ James Hervey*
 - 9⁵ Zachary Taylor Newbold
 - 10⁵ William Johnson Newbold m. Catherine Harper
 - 1⁶ Cora Newbold*
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- 1⁷ Ruth Camp*
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Page 17, line 9, "born 1755."

Page 40, line 10, omit first "and."

Page 47, line 19, read "Harmon" for "Homer."

Page 64, six children of Ray Willson printed "Dickenson."

Picture Section, Newbold picture, spell "Hervey."

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Picture Section

FAMILY RECORD.

BRING UP YOUR CHILDREN IN THE ADMONITION OF THE LORD.

BIRTHS.

Christopher Houseman
was born April the
5th 1788

Sarah Myres
Wife born July 20th.
in the year of A D 1791

Johnson Houseman
Son of Christopher & Sarah
his wife was born August
the 27th in the year of A D
1813

Jacob Houseman
Son of Chz & Sarah
Houseman was born March
the 29 in the year of
A D 1815

Maryanne Houseman
Dat of Chz & Sarah
Houseman was born Nov
the 16th in the year of A D 1817

Elisabeth Houseman
Dat of Chz & Sarah
Houseman was born March
5th in the year of A D 1819

William Houseman
Son of Chz & Sarah
Houseman was Born
April the 21st in the
year of A D 1821

Luke & Kelley was born
Feb 15th 1827

John Kelley was born
June 14th 1828

Hannah & Kelley
was born October
20th 1830

FAMILY RECORD.

BRING UP YOUR CHILDREN IN THE ADMONITION OF THE LORD.

BIRTHS.

Nancy Gregory was
born November ~~1st~~ 1816.

Sarah Anne
Houseman was
born December 6th
AD 1838

Eliza Jane Houseman
was born August
21st AD 1840

James William
Houseman was born
June 16th AD 1843

Mary E Houseman
was born August 31st
AD 1846

Fleming Houseman
was born Sept 12th 1849

Samuel H. Houseman
was born June 26th
1852
Catharine Houseman was
born May 6th 1854

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGE IS HONOURABLE IN ALL.

MARRIAGES.

Johnson Houseman
and Nancy Gregory
Was married february
14th 1838

Nancy Gregory born November
1st 1816

Joseph Kelley and
Sarah Houseman
was married March
29th 1826

Isaac G. Hornon and
Eliza Jane Houseman
Was married dec
ember 25 1866

John A. Frazier and
Mary E. Houseman
Was married October
21st 1869

Samuel W. Houseman
and Elizabeth J. Burns
Was married August
4th 1880

Samuel L. Reasoner
and Catherine T. House
man was married
August 4th 1880

FAMILY RECORD.

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD.

Deaths.

Sarah Anne
Houseman Died
December 12th 1841
Aged 3 years 5 days

James William
Houseman Died June
19th 1843 Aged 4 days

Lemima Houseman Died
October 2d aged 17 days 1849

Mary E. Frasier died
November 9th 1881

Johnson Houseman
Son of Christopher
and Sarah Houseman
fell asleep in Jesus, Jan.
22^d 1889 at 4:30 A.M. aged
75 yr 4 mo. 26 da.

Christopher Houseman
Departed this life
Decem 21st in the year
of our Lord 1821 aged
33 years 9 Months & 16^{da}

Sarah Kelley ne
Houseman
Died, August 16th 1849

Elizabeth Houseman ne
Gregory died Dec 12th 1849

The State of Ohio } By the honourable Benjamin Tappan President
Guernsey County of } of the fifth circuit of the Court of common pleas.
William Frame. James Lehen and Thomas

Henderson Associate judges of said Court. To Sarah Houseman
Be it known that the said judges confiding in your prudence, care
and fidelity have by these presents appointed you the said Sarah
Houseman Guardian for Johnston Houseman aged 8 years on
the 20th day of August AD 1821. a minor child and heir of Chris-
topher Houseman late of said county deceased, investing you the
said Sarah Houseman with full power and authority for him
and his use to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive and take
into your possession and custody all and singular such parts
and portions of estate both real and personal which is or may
be coming to him as heir to the estate of the said Christopher
Houseman deceased or which by any other way or means whatever
doth of right belong to him the said minor. and to manage, employ and
improve the same for his best advantage during his minority, and
to do all and whatever may be necessary to be done in and about
the premises as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as he
might or could do personally being of full age.

In Testimony whereof we have
caused the seal of our said Court to be here
unto affixed. Witness the honorable
Benjamin Tappan President of our said Court at Cambridge
the Eighteenth day of February Anno Domini 1822.

L. B. Peatty Clk. C.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO SARAH HOUSEMAN
FOR JOHNSON HOUSEMAN

JOHNSON HOUSEMAN



JACOB HOUSEMAN
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa





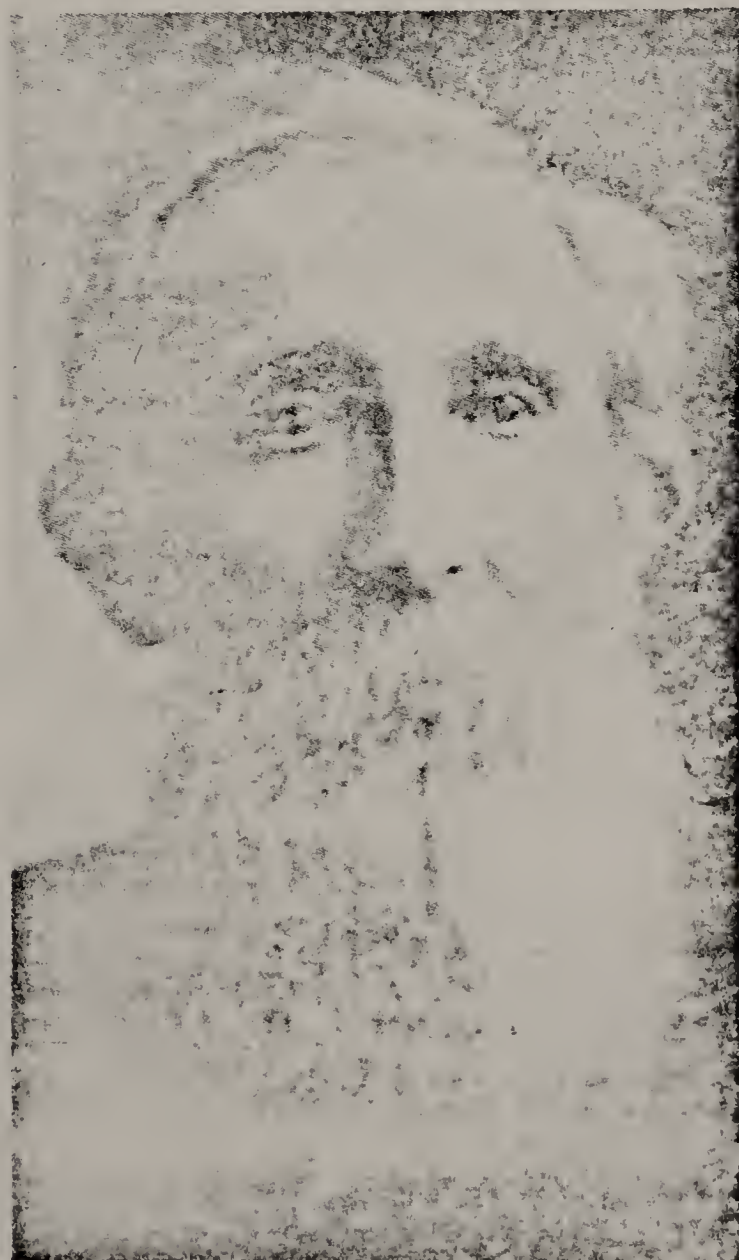
WILLIAM HOUSEMAN
Senecaville, Ohio



HOMER HOUSEMAN
Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania



Above, (left to right)
 ELEDICIA NEWBOLD HEVEY, 68
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JOHN FORDYCE HOUSEMAN



JAMES SPEARMAN HOUSEMAN



JOHN T. CRAIN and
ALICE CARY HOUSEMAN CRAIN
(On their fiftieth wedding anniversary)



REV. RALPH HANSON HOUSEMAN



MARY ANNE GREGORY POLAND



CATHERINE NEWBOLD HOUSEMAN
REASONER



SAMUEL WESLEY HOUSEMAN



SAMUEL and CATHERINE HOUSEMAN
(In hoopskirts and roundabout.)



JOHN G. GREGORY



WILLIAM DRUMMOND GREGORY



HARRY HOUSEMAN FRAZIER



MARY ELIZABETH HOUSEMAN
(FRAZIER) and
ELIZA JANE HOUSEMAN (HERRON)



(Left to right)

JEANETTE HOUSEMAN (ZUNDEL), MARGARET E. HOUSEMAN,
IRENE HOUSEMAN (SPEERS), SARAH HOUSEMAN (LUTZ), MARY HOUSEMAN



Top Row: MARY FRANKLIN HOUSEMAN, HOMER HOUSEMAN
Second: MARGARET E. HOUSEMAN, GILLETTE LUTZ, MARY HOUSEMAN
Third: SARAH HOUSEMAN LUTZ, ELIZABETH GAFFNEY, FRANCES SPEERS,
PLUMMER SPEERS
Fourth: KENNETH LUTZ, WALTER ZUNDEL, GLEN SPEERS
Lower: WILFRED SPEERS



HOMER HOUSEMAN, MARY FRANKLIN HOUSEMAN, FAITH FRAZIER COE,
 MARY HOUSEMAN, ALICE LEDMAN FRAZIER, MARGARET E. HOUSEMAN
 Children: (in arms) ALICE GRISWOLD COE,
 MARY ELIZABETH HOUSEMAN COE, ROBERT FRAZIER COE



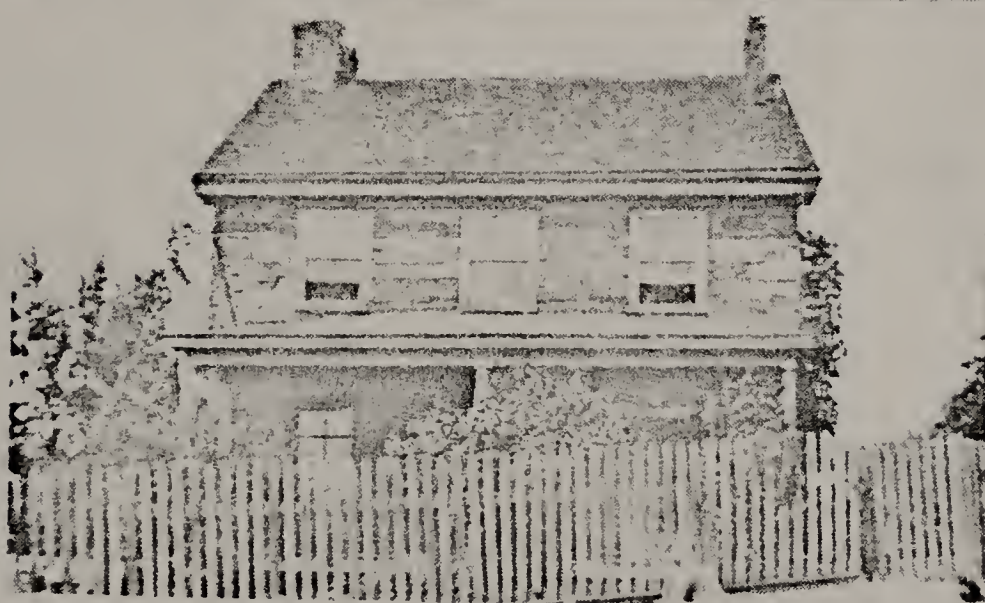
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 MRS. M. C. WILSON
 MELVIN T. WILSON
 SARAH ANN HOUSEMAN WALKER



HOME OF HOMER HOUSEMAN



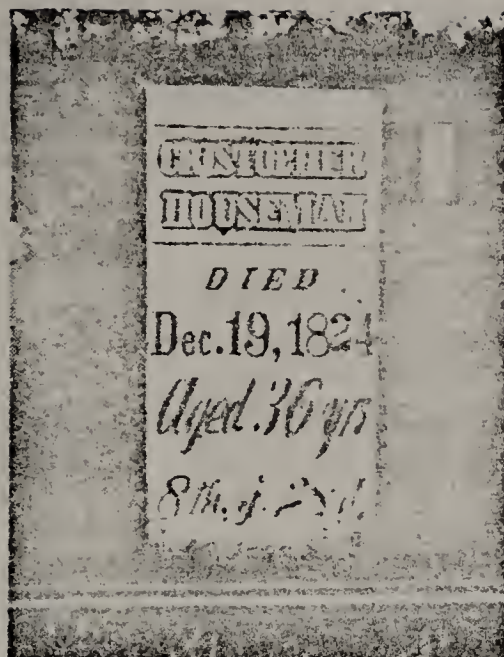
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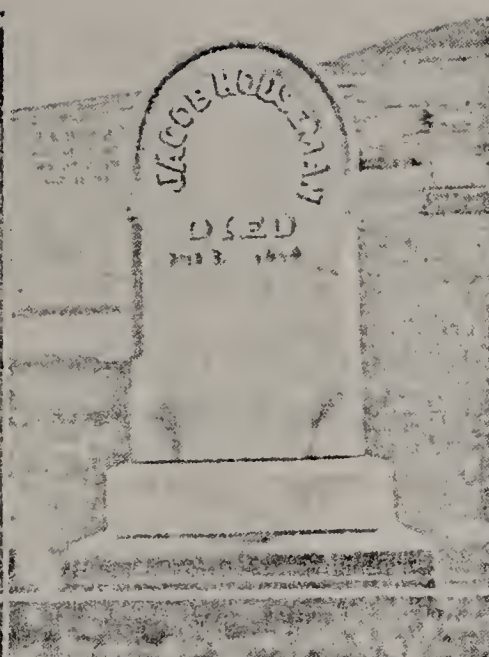
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and THE OLD LOG MANSE



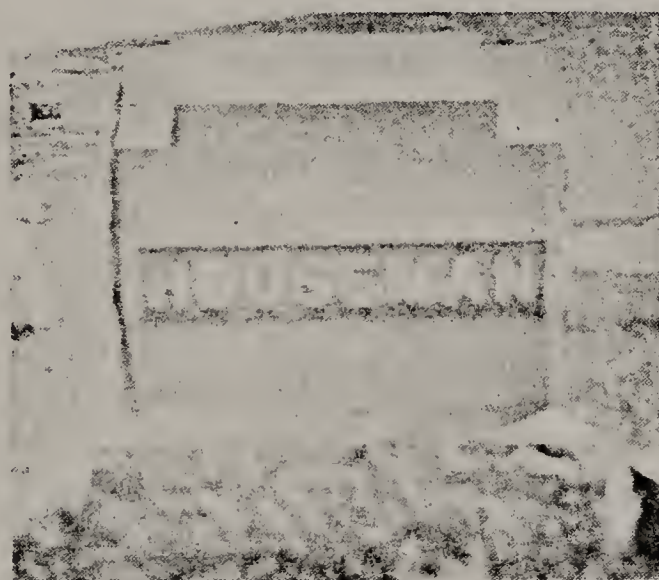
JOHNSON HOUSEMAN FARM



RICH HILL CEMETERY
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REHOBOTH CEMETERY



THE HOUSEMAN LOT, REHOBOTH CEMETERY



OLIVE BRANCH (BAPTIST) CEMETERY (JOSEPH HOUSEMAN)
(Child, ROBERT FRAZIER COE)



RICH HILL CEMETERY
Muskingum County, Ohio



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OLD STONE HOUSE WHEN LAST INHABITED (above)
AS IN JUNE, 1936 (below)

Dear old house; I wonder did you
Glow with true and rightful pride,
As your builder gave form to you,
From the stones heaped by his side?

All the dreams he built into you,
Hopes of home and lineage pride;
Gladly gave his labor to you,
You were for his lovely bride.

Were you happy when he brought her
To your door that sunny day—
She a neighbor's laughing daughter,
Come to dwell with him alway?

Did you wait in hushed attention,
For the cry of babies new;
See beaming faces, not to mention,
Prideful joy of parents too?

Did you long for the vacation
Time to come, when home from schools,
Young folks trooped from o'er the nation,
Where they learned to live by rules?

Were you proud as went forth teachers,
Governors, bankers, mothers fair,
Doctors, lawyers, artists, preachers,
All the nation's work to share?

Does the memory linger with you,
Of the time when Southland wars,
Took the bravest young men from you
To placate the God of Mars?

Were you sad as from the threshold,
Rose deep sobs when all was gloom,
As aged forms in shrouds enfolded,
Were carried forth unto the tomb?

Ah! we know that soon the shadow,
That has daily walked beside you,
Will not fall upon the meadow,
For your days are now but few.

Yet, methinks, 'twere better this way
Than have strident, alien noises
Echoing harshly round your doorway,
To disturb the soft wind's voices.

Better far to crumble slowly
Down on mother earth's deep bosom,
And the creeping vines so lowly
Cover all from human vision.

May you in our mem'ries linger,
Pictured on these pages white,
For the eyes of all our kindred;
Dear old home, Good Night, Good Night!

—SUELLA HOUSEMAN GRANT

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